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WEATHER Cloudy with showers

moves 100 miles south

NICHOLAS SCHOON Environment Correspondent

Britain will be transformed, in the oext 25 years, into a counlry with warmer climate and higher sea levels. The changes will have the effect of moving the country more than 100 miles south

We may come to prefer our beaches to those of the uncomfortably hot Mediterranean, but our health is likely to suffer. Droughts will increase across the most densely

Britain's climate in 2050

Summer temperature (°C) change from 1961-90 average

Summer rainfall (%) change from 1961-90 average



populated and intensively farmed parts of the country. According to a government report published yesterday, by 2020, the temperature alteration will be equivalent to moving from Manchester to Oxford.

Tourism and leisure industries are expected to boom, especially in southern England, but the Scortish ski industry may be wiped out by a tack of snow and higher winds.

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Most aspects of national life will be affected, creating a range of winners and losers. Home heating bills may fall because demand for fuel is expected to drop by 3 per cent by 2020. Yet across the southern half of England water bills may rise sharply to pay for new reservoirs as demand soars. "Summer droughts are forecast to be more severe and frequent in the south," says the re-

The main beneficial effects of global warming will be on forestry, where tree plantations will grow more quickly, on cattle and sheep grazing in a warmer and wetter Scotland and northern England, and in tourism and recreation.

But it is expected to have a net adverse effects on soil ero-sion, wildlife, the insurance industry, health, water supplies and erop farming in the Mid-lands, southern England and

The document, written by a panel of 22 experts, was launched by John Gummer, Secretary of State for the Environment, in advance of international negotiations on combating global warming later in Geoeva later this month,

He hopes it will increase the pressure on governments of wealthy nations to pledge themselves to curbing the pollution in the first ten years of the new millennium.

The report examines the impact of climate change in 2020 and 2050, based on the latest forecasis from the Meteorological Office's Hadley Centre. This Government-funded centre in Bracknell, Berkshire is one of a handful around the world using supercomputer simulations to predict how the atmospheric build-up of heattrapping gases will alter air and sea temperatures, currents,

winds, rain and snowfall. There is now a consensus among climate experts that the 0.75 degrees C rise in global average temperatures over the past century is likely to be man-

Yesterday's report points out that three of the five warmest years in the Met Office's 337year Central England Temper-ature Record occurred in the past ten years - 1989, 1990 and 1995. The summers of 1976 and 1995 were the warmest ever recorded in England.

Britain and the rest of the world are expected to become steadily warmer through the next century and beyond, as the consumption of fossil fuels and the outpur of greenhouse gases goes on rising.

There are no international agreements in place which begin to make a substantial attack

on the threat. Average UK temperatures are expected to be about 0.9 C higher than the 1961-1990 average by 2020, and 1.6 C higher in 2050. While total annual rainfall is predicted to increase by 5 per cent by 2020 and 10 per cent by 2050, summer rainfall is expected to decline over most of England and Wales.

White Christmases will become even rarer, and Britain will become gradually windier with gales becoming 30 per cent more frequent midway

through the next century.

Whilst more frequent heat waves could lead to thousands of extra deaths each year, these are likely to be more than offset by a reduced number of deaths during milder winters.

Many beech trees and "street trees", planted along the pavements of towns and cities, are expected to fall victim to the hotter, drier summers in the

southern half of Britain. Sea levels in southern England will be approaching two foot higher in 2050.

Review of Potential Effects of Climate Change in the United Kingdom, DoE, £28,

The heat is on as Britain Labour windfall begins to rot



CHRIS BLACKHURST

Labour's plans for a £3bn windfall tax on profits of the privalised utilities may have to be radically redrawn, with several companies expected to completely escape paying the tax.

Westminster Correspondent

Among the companies like-ly to be excluded are British Gas. Scottish Power and Scottish Hydro. Also expected to be exempt from the levy, £1.5hn of which Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, has pledged to job-creation and training schemes, are the small water companies, which supply

25 per cent of the market. Other companies which have taken over utilities since privatisation are also arguing that they should escape the charge, as they have not benefited from the windfall that went to the original shareholders. Those that would fall into this category include foreign operators which have been snapping up the privatised electricity companies. The prospect of Labour be-

ing forced to revise its plans to collect the £3hn windfall tax. which has quietly been renamed as the one-off utilities monopoly levy, will embarrass the leadership, which comorrow launches the "Road to Manifesto" policy document, as it will contain references to the levy.

Excluding some companies will not necessarily upset the overall aim of raising £3bn. since the hurden could be spread across the other companies caught in the net.

One analyst at Merrill Lynch, the City investment bank, pointed out that as the Labour party had not released a formula for the tax, it was im-possible to gauge how individual companies will be affected.

It was possible, she said, for Mr Brown to raise his £3hn, although his room for manocuvre would be impaired.

Any softening of the stance towards British Gas is bound to provoke a hostile response from the left of the Labour Party, for whom the company is a symbol of "fat cat" capitalism. The exclusion of the two Scottish companies would lead to criticism that Labour is exhibiting one

another for the South. British Gas has argued that as it is the target of an aggres-sive pricing review from Ofgas, the industry regulator, which would hit its profits, it should not have to suffer a further onslaught from a new Labour government.

law for North of the Border and

The Scottish companies have claimed that they were not sold as cheaply as their English and Welsh counterparts and have been subjected to a tighter

regulatory regime.

A British Gas spokesman said yesterday that the issue of the windfall tax had been raised with the Labour front-bench: "There has been a process of discussion over the pricing review - it would be unrealistic if other subjects did not arise." He described the talks as "informal".

Scottish and Scottish Power have also been pressing their case for exemption. "Labour recognises the Scottish companies do have different backgrounds to the English ones," said a spokesman for Scottish Hydro. His company made profits last year of £159m and Scottish Power made £404m, but both feel they may avoid a

windfall tax. "It is nothing to do with be-nign fatherly treatment of the executive, referring to the Scotush roots of many of Lahour's Shadow Cabinet, "but to do with

sound economic grounds."
The Scottish Hydro spokesman claimed the English electricity companies, were sold off cheaper than their Scottish counterparts. Some of the English companies have seen their share prices soar from £2.40 to £10, while the Scots have gone from £2.40 to £3, "We are not making super-profits like the English utilities," said the Hy-dro official, "which is why Labour could well exempt us from the windfall tax". He added: "We have been making

them aware of the situation." Ian Russell, finance director of Scottish Power, was quoted recently in a local Scottish newspaper saying: "Our judgment is that there will be a windfall tax but our base case on its impact on us, after discussions with Labour politicians, is

conservative." A utilities analyst at NatWest Securities said: "Scottish Pow-er and Hydro believe they may he exempt." He added that "the market is assuming British Gas does not get hit." British Gas's current share price, he claimed, took account of it avoiding the windfall penalty.

John Battle, Labour's energy spokesman, maintained the tax would apply to all companies. "It is there for all utilities - that is what we've said and we're sticking with it."

A spokesman for Mr Brown was more circumspect. "It would be crazy if I said we will include or exclude anyone. In government we will talk about the situation," he said. Until then, "we will not say one way or the other" adding that names of companies which may be exhome country," said the Hydro cluded was "pure speculatioo".

QUICKLY

Legal aid shake-up Plans for a radical shake-up of legal aid were lauoched in a Government White Paper yesterday in a bid to stem the spiralling £1.4bn bill and stop the financiog of undeserving cases by the taxpayer.

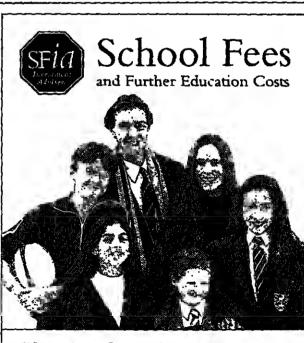
Island dreams

The Isle of Wight is expected to call for autonomy and push to be recognised as a freeport and tax haven.

Contraceptive 'killed' A contraceptive implant hailed as the perfect method of birth control has been "killed off" by lawyers, the media, and the Government's reluctance to pay for it, its manufacturers are Page 5

Hemingway dies
At the age of 19, she adorned the cover of Time. At 35 she posed nude for Playboy. Yesterday, at 41. Margaux Hemingway was dead.

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Women sold on the Internet for sex

LIZ HUNT Health Editor

The Internet is being used to market women for sex in an unprecedented" way, according to a psychologist who has carried out a detailed investigation of trafficking of women on the World Wide Web.

Users can browse through catalogues of mail-order brides from Asia and Eastern Europe; select guides to the best prostitutes on offer in capitals around the world; and swap information on where to buy preteen girls and what price to pay.

er in womens' studies at Bradford University, said she was "amazed and appalled" at how quickly the global sex industry had sezzed the opportunities offered to it by the Net. 'There is often very detailed information being given, telephone numbers and names of people to contact in cities in more than 40 countries in order to procure

women," she said. One site on the Web amounted to an "etiquette guide" for first-time visitors to a brothel. she said, outlining how to be-have, how to pay the bar bill, young girls available for sex. meet all the women they had wife leaving the first destitute.

Dr Donna Hughes, a lectur- and how to approach a woman for sex. The findings of Dr Hughes'

one-year investigation, presented at a conference on women's research into pronography in Bristol yesterday, included detailed descriptions of what men had done to the women they had bought.

"These were actual accounts not fantasies," Dr Hughes said. "The amount of detail included did not come out of their imagination. There were the

The Mail Order Brides catalogue on the Net included pictures of the women, their weight, height and bust measurements, and highlighted their domestic skills.

Women from the Philippines, Costa Rica, Eastern Europe, and South America, were popuiar candidates. Dr Hughes said. The personal details usually appeared with the women's permission and her address evidence from Australia of "sewould be sold by a "middle man" for correspondence with names of pimps selling under- a prospective buyer. Tours could

written to, so they could choose the most suitable wie. "There are wife-seeking tours when men can meet lots

of women, have sex with as many as they want, and then choose one for a wife," Dr Hughes said. The women were very vulnerable because they believed that a life in the West is preferable to their own existence. Dr Hughes said there was rial sponsorship", in which men huv one bride, take her home but drop her after a while, and

Catches cut by half to save herring stock SIGNIFICANT SHORTS

CLARE GARNER

Britain's North Sea fishermen were dealt a new hlow yesterday as the Brussels Commission slashed herring catches by half in an emergency bid to stop the stock being wiped out alto-

Without such drastic action there was a danger of no hermission insisted. The crisis, it mal fishing. The industry was said, was almost as serious as the faced with a Hobson's Choice: situation in 1977 when there was either to accept the 50% re-

North Sea for five years to al-next year, and accepted "the sis so late in the day, long after come. The loss in the market low the chronically depleted lesser of the evils". stocks to recover.

The scale of the problem only came to light in April when the latest independent scientific from the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES) revealed that the quantities of mature herring in the North Sea were about half the minimum level to sustain nora complete ban on fishing in the duction or face total closure they were informed of the cri-

In a move which allowed Eurocrats to bypass EU gov-ernments, the Commission has reduced the total allowed catch of herring in the North Sea from 313,000 tonnes to 156,000 tonnes and, further north in Skagerrak and Kattegat, from 120,000 tonnes to 90,000 tonnes. The UK catch has been cut from 46,000 tonnes to 22,000 to 23,000 tonnes.

Fishermen are angry that

they had set their quotas for the year in January. "The timing is atrocious, ft couldn't be worse," said Jim Slater, chariman of the Scottish Pelagie Fishermen's

ity for the whole 12 month pe-As it is, many will face "severe financial hardship" said Mr Slater. "From June to Septem-

value will run to several mil-

Scottish Labour MEP Ken Collins called for compensation for the fisherman. "There are Association. "We are now leadample mechanisms for coming up to the peak time when pensating EU farmers in simithe fish are at their finest quallar circumstances. They must be applied to the fishing sector."

The crisis, which comes just weeks after the fishing industry was ordered to trim its fleet by ber many fisherman depend 40%, has been triggered by solely on herring for their inwholesale industrial fishing,

principally by Denmark and Norway. 80% of juvenile stock goes to such fishing. Robert Al-lan, chief executive of the Scottish Fishermanen's Federation. complained: "The Sprat fishing has not been hit hard enough

Commission officials said the onus was now on member states to ensure the new limits are followed . There are no guarantees that a ban on herring fishing has been averted but if the rapid rehuilding quota is met for the next two years the situation will

Logal action against a privatised water
Loompany was launched yesterday over allegations
that it supplied water unfit for human consumption.
South West Water is accused of providing
contaminated water to areas of south Devon in
Adgust and September 1995. It is alleged that the
water from SWW: Ireatment works in.
Little temporary Devon caused an outbreak of the Little impston Devon caused an onthreak of the illness cryptosporidicals, which caused stomach nosets, severe abdominal pain and diarrhoea to 575

people in the area. The case, prought by John Gummer, Secretary of State for the Environment, will come before Newton Abbot magistrates on 6 August It fullows investigations by the Drinking Water Inspectorate, whose report will be published after the hearings.

In today's 24-hour Tube strike London.
Underground hopes to operate more than one third of trains "slightly better" than during last week's day long stoppage. The only services at a standstill will be the City & Hammersmith and Circle lines.
Talks over a reduced working week broke down this week and Aslef, the train drivers' union, plans to go shead with further strikes next Monday and on 16-July, Members of the RMT transport union, which

represents most other libe employees, are voting on taking their own action over time off.

The British Airline Pilots' Association is today expected to amounce a Yes vote in a ballot on action among more than 3,000 members of British Airways flight crew in a pay dispute, and representatives of the Communication Workers! Union meet in London to assess the latest offer by Royal Mail to end a conflict over wages and productivity. Barrie Clement

The Campaign for Press and Broadcasting Freedom yesterday launched a manifesto to demand proper media regulation and claimed the grip of the giant corporations was threatening democracy. It said the long-held principle that media diversity was important for healthy democratic. debate had been abandoned by government, and argued the way forward was now through tougher regulation. The campaign called for a new Media Commission to impose effective controls on cross-media ownership in publishing and broadcasting and a new Media Consumers Council to protect and enhance consumer interests. Louise Jury

A doctor's writing led to the death of a woman after.

She was injected with a lethal dose of painkillers when the prescription was misread, an inquest jury in Westminster was told yesterday. Carole Burwash, 53, had one to the Princess Grace Hospital, central London, on 18 October last year for a hysterectomy. Consultant anaesthetist Dr. Giok Lim had prescribed diamorphine 3mg but resident medical officer Dr Richard Hornabrook had administered 30mg. The coroner Dr Paul Knapman criticised the two doctors and said the death was the result of errors. A verdict of accidental death was returned.

MPs' car mileage perks could be drastically cut as part of a deal to damp flown a public outcry if they vote for an inflation-busting pay deal next month. There has been speculation that the Senior Salaries Review Body report, to be published tomorrow, will recommend an increase of up to 30 per cent in MPs; pay of £34,085, but some MPs believe they will have to sacrifice the higher-rate allowance of 72.2p a mile for the first 20,000 miles in cars over 2300cc. In evidence to the review body, Labour MP Chris Mullin, said the allowance was too generous, discriminated in favour of large cars and allowed an unlimited number of trips between constituencies and Westminster, duthony Bevins

Acampaign to curb the rise in child smokers was daumched yesterday. Children as young as 12 are becoming regular smokers and it is estimated that one in four 15 year olds is addicted. More than 60 medical, health, imer and children's organisations and charities have joined together to shame the Government in to action against young smokers with their national campaign, ashing In On Children Smoking". They are calling on the Government to spend some of the £108m it collects every year in taxation from cigarettes sold illegally to under-16s to warn children of the dangers of smoking.

The jury in the trial of Howard Hughes for the murder of seven-year-old Sophie Hook was told yesterday by the accused man's father how his son confessed to him that he had murdered the girl. Gerald Hughes revealed he had since cul off all contact with his only soa because he knew Sophie's family and the confession had "shattered" him. Hughes, 31, of Colwyn Bay, North Wales, denies the double rape and murder of Sophie - abducted from a tent in her uncie's garden in Llandudno last July. But Chester Crown Court was told he admitted the marder to his father when be visited him at the police station after several days of questioning. He said his son had been a disappointment and had been in trouble with the police as a teenager. He said he was "emotionally insecure", "slow" and dyslexic and had been sent to a school in Derbyshire "for naughty boys". The case continues today.

A charge of serious professional misconduct against two doctors who were said to have agreed not to tell a patient she was dying from hreast cancer was yesterday dismissed by the General Medical Council. GP Alan White told the GMC that he was told by Christopher Simpson, 47, that he and Dr James Ferguson, 59, had decided not to reveal to Carol Ann Clark, 32, of Ayr. that benign hiopsics carried out on her had been "misinterpreted," and that she was terminally ill. Mrs Clark died in August 1994. Dr White said he "felt uncomfortable" knowing something that had not been passed on to one of his patients, although he had agreed that to tell her would have no effect on treatment.

our of Britain's rarest birds have been killed in their nest just three days after a watch was called off because they were believed to be safe. Last year two eggs, each worth around £3,000 on the black market, were stolen from the same Montagu's harriers' nest at Black Gutter Bottom, Hampshire and the this year Forestry Commission had mounted its biggest 24-hour protection operation in the New Forest. Last year there were only seven breeding pairs of Montagu's harriers in Britain.

ne Eurovision Song Contest will be staged in Ireland by the state-backed RTE hroadcasting network next year il was confirmed yesterday. The network secured the right to host the annual television extravaganza when the Irish entry won the competition for a record fourth time in five years in May, but there had been doubts on economic grounds about RTE's plans to go ahead with the event.

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Beef at risk of **BSE** being sold in markets

ANTHONY BEVINS Political Editor

Meat exporters are selling BSErisk beef to markets such as Smithfield in London for human consumption, a spokesman for the International Meat Trade Association revealed last night.

An association briefing note. circulated to MPs in advance of a short Commons debate today, says: "Beef over 30 months of age is being sold on the open market."

The meat is not caught by Government curbs on the sale of "old" beef because it was slaughtered before the critical cut-off of midnight on 28 March - and had been destined for export.

However, because of the forts to worldwide ban on British beel lifted," exports, about 4,500 tons of poed from places as far apart as South Africa, Mauritius, Tahiti and Kuwait.

is nothing to stop exporters - ture of the Government's BSE who are not covered by the Government compensation proquite legally, into the human

Martin Richardson, of meat exporter First City Trading, said last night: "We have sold 20 to 30 tons over the last six of Agriculture told the Inde-

The scene is a large room in the bowels of Muppet Central Of-

fice. Gentlemen and ladies of

the London press (played, in the main, by humans) occupy the chairs in the middle. Lining the

walls is the entire and varied cast

of *The Muppet Show*. The lights dim and the theme

song plays: "It's time for an elec-

tion, it's time to fight the fight,

it's time to go for the jugular on

The Mapper Shore tonight."

The platform lights go on.

and the Chairman of the Party

and the Deputy Prime Minister

Waldorf) enter and sit down.

excitedly. Statter reads from autocue:

"Hello, Waldorf. What do you

think of the show so far?"
Waldorf: "Well, Statler, in-

flation is at an all-time low; our

in Western Europe; house

prices are rising again; and we are the envy of the world."

good. But tell me, Waldort,

walderf: "I'm galled you asked." (Interruption, 1 "Sorry. I'm glad you asked. Yes, something could go bally wrong. New Labour could be elected and.

Statler: "But surely that nice

Waldorf: "That's just where

you're wrong, friend. He's more

Tony Blair isn't a threat to the

Statler, they're dangerous."

wellbeing of the nation?

Statler: "So, you feel pretty

mone other than Statler and

Muppets whoop and cheer

no way of knowing whether the incat came from cattle aged over 30 months, or whether it had been fed on suspect feed.

But the association's briefing note said it was "highly likely that a considerable proportion of the repatriated beef stock had been fed on the meat-and-bone meal that had been identified by the Government as the prime suspect of causing hovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) in cattle. Use of that meal is now a criminal offence.

The note said: "This stock being available on the open market therefore not only threatens nsumer confidence in the UK, but also threatens to undermine the Government's efforts to get the worldwide ban

Clearly, exporters are citing tentially suspect beef is now in the BSE loophole as a means of the process of being repatriat- putting pressure on the Goverament to hring them into the compensation schemes. But they argue that the sale of the Once it has returned, there meat shows up the arbitrary naprogramme. As things stand. there is nothing to stop them gramme - from selling it on, selling the repatriated beef which would be banned in Britain if it had been slaughtered on or after 29 March - for

human consumption. A spokesman for the Ministry

set to kill Fozzy

AARONOVITCH

Wilson stood against Sam the Bald Eagle in 1970. Worse than

when Michael Foot threatened

Miss Piggy in '83. Deadlier

than Neil Kinnock's challenge

to our very own John Major in 1992. You see, global econom-

ie competition is so intense

these days - and the country so

fragile - that we cannot afford

even 24 hours of New Labour

in power. And there's another

reason why he's so dangerous."

Statler turns to the press: "I agree. Waldorf." (Holds up

document.) "So look what I've

got. The Road to Ruin. New Labour's Real Manifesto." (Cheers and yelps from Mup-

pets.] "The folks here, under the

guidance of the Great Gonzo,

have put what Labour says on

the left-hand side, and what they

really mean on the right! It's a

duction," (Voice cracks with

merriment.) "We stand for New

Communities so everyone is in

bed by 10.00pm and not out

"First, let me read the intro-

hoot!" (Laughs.)

(Pause.) "He might win."

still no system in place for processing export orders to third countries. "It'll take a few weeks vet," he said. After that, applications would he judged on a country-by-country basis by the European Commission.

Jenny Burt, chairwoman of the International Meat Trade Association, said yesterday: While the Government proclaimed [the summit in] Florence to be a success, other European nations have sug-gested it is worthless; that it was a face-saving measure for the British government.

"The position must be made clear. We have identified markets that want our beef, If the European Union drag their heels, the UK government must take unilateral action to ensure trading is resumed.

"If they do not, their policy on non-cooperation in Europe will be exposed as political posturing for domestic consumption rather than a real effort to save this important British industry.

In today's Commons dehate, Conservative MP Graham Riddick is expected to urge the Government to take unilateral action to help the exporters if the "figleaf" agreement on third-country exports hammered out recently in Florence does not live up to the Prime weeks or so," He said there was pendent last night that there was Minister's expectations.

Tories ... " (several Muppets col-

lapse to the floor in laughter!

Britain is really nice and gets its

way by agreeing to everyone

else's suggestions" (a doctor is

called for a giggling Swedish Chef, Statler wipes his eyes.) Waldorf: "And on page 18, Margaret Beckett says: There

will be no hlanket repeal of the

main elements of 1980s legis-

lation.' And look what we've put: 'We will lift the restriction

on secondary picketing and re-

turn the country to its industri-

al relations heyday under the

last Labour government."

Statler: "That's a good one.
But I can do better. On page 24.

David Blunkett argues that 'our

commitment to comprehensive

education cannot be a com-

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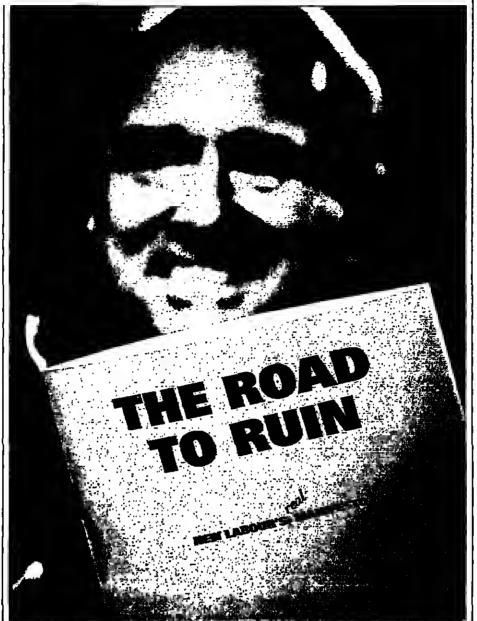
you know what we printed on the right-hand side?" (Takes a deep breath.) 'New Labour be-

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purpose of education is to en-

sure that all children turn out

. for a New Europe in which



On the attack: Tory chairman Brian MaWhinney launches an attack on Labour's new polisage by neon in London's Piccadilly cies. Counter-attack: Labour spread their mess





Blair is worse than Foot says Heseltine

ANTHONY BEVINS

Tony Blair poses a greater threat to the country than either Michael Foot or Neil Kinnock, the Tories' left-wing bogeymen of the 1980s, Michael Heseltine

said yesterday.
The Deputy Prime Minister said the world had changed since Mr Foot and Mr Kinnock had led the Labour Party; the pace of international competition meant that Britain could not afford to make mistakes, or waste time, with the kind of policies Mr Blair would attempt to

exactly the same?! (Huge ap-plause. Streamers are thrown That, he said, "is one way, think at the heart of the matter, in which Tony Blair is more and buckets of green gloop fall from the ceiling. The theme tune is replayed. Lights are dangerous than the regimes represented by Michael Foot and Neil Kinnock."

turned on to reveal that the audience has vanished.] Opening a new campaign As Statler and Waldorf shamunder the slogan. New Labour, ble off, a lone frog appears with a placard which reads: "Next New Danger, Brian Mawhinney, the Conservative Pany chairweek's show; Muppets in Opman, urged the voters to safeposition, featuring special guest guard Tory economic success from the dangerous depradadangerous than when Harold shopping as they are under the here in the bunker" tions of New Labour.

He told a London press conference that there was no question of a change of Tory strategy: the negative attack on the new dangers posed by Mr Blair would be accompanied by the continuing positive message of Government success in reviving the feel-good factor.

Labour's national executive that it was a most foolish strategy _"the greatest political re-treat of modern times". Earlier, Mr Mawhinney and Mr Heseltine published a 24,000-word Tory version of

Mr Blair told a meeting of

the outline 10,000-word manifesto to be published by Labour tomorrow, under working title, The Road to the Manifesto. The Conservative version, The Road to Ruin, was a heady

mix of selective quotation, heavy sarcasm and student ragmag parody, with a welter of "pledges" allegedly based on statements made by Labour. It included: "Everybody has a stake in everybody else's property. There must therefore be

a right to roam over it": "Pco-

ple from all around the world should be allowed to stay as long as they want in Britain at the taxpayer's expense"; "New Labour's economic policies will abolish unemployment"; and "It may be that our current endorsement of a single curency would be a sufficient mandate to abolish the pound after a gen-

eral election."

Accusing Mr Blair of a "cynical pursuit of power". Mr Mawhinney said in an introductiuon to the document: "If some of the proposals seem ridiculous, remember that they are all drawn from official New Labour sources. It would be funny if it were not so serious."

Mr Mawhinney said the document presented a devastating picture of what life would be like uoder Labour. "Under new Labour, we would have a new set of taxes. Under New Labour, we would have a new constitution with another laver of government, fragmentation of the United Kingdom and unelected judges wielding ulti-male political power."

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At the age of 19, she adorned the cover of Time Magazine. At 35 she posed nucle for Playboy. Yesterday, police said they had ruled out suicide in the death of Margaux Hemingway, 41-year-old granddaughter of the novelist Ernest Hemingway.

The body of the model and actress, who shot to fame in the mid-1070s but stronged with all

mid-1970s but struggled with al-cholism and hulimia as her star flamed and died, was found in her Santa Monica apartment.

An autopsy was scheduled yesterday. It was thirty-five years ago this week that Ernest Hemingway killed himself with a shotgun at his home in Idaho. Violent self-inflicted death, depression and alcoholism run like a virus through the Hem-ingway family, but friends in-sisted Ms Hemingway had put her own history of alcohol and drug ahuse hehind her.

A Santa Monica police spokesman said there was no sign of foul play or forced entry, and that no guns or illegal drugs were found in her home. We don't know if it was an epileptic seizure or an overdose, said her agent David Mirisch. Ernest Hemingway's writing inspired a generation of Americans and fifteen years after his death the country embraced his grand-daughter.

Within months of launching a modelling career, Margaux Hemingway picked up a string of assignments with Vogue and other glamour magazines. Six feet tall, with the striking black eyes which ran in her family, she landed a million-dollar contract to promote a Faberge perfume called Babe. In 1976 at the age of 19, she starred in the film Lipstick as a young rape victim who schemes to jail the perpetrator by luring him into a second attack.

Yesterday neighbours used words like "haggard" and "depressed" to describe the woman they saw riding an old hike near the Santa Monica beaches.

"She struck me as disturbed and unhappy," said one, Peter Osterlund, "I remember thinking she was a sad figure".

It was Margaux's younger sister Mariel - who played her sisknown for her performance in Woody Allen's Manhattan.

Critics were not kind to Lipstick, and they became progressively more scathing as er, she dove for sunken treasure Margaux, desperate to prolong her acting career beyond the



emerge as an acting talent, best model, appeared in a list of films each more second-rate than

> In Killer Fish, described as a "slapdash" underwater shock-

guarded by piranhas. She was married and diYork, Paris and Venezuela. But almost inevitably by the

late 1980s her road led to the Betty Ford Clinic, where she went to dry out from alcohol and cocaine

In 1990 she posed nude for

what she called "a celebration of my rebirth".

Her appearance was noted as an attempt to get Hollywood's attention and some publicity for her film "Love in C Minor". "I'm single and in Playboy, hoping to revive her ca- charge of my own life for the

velous feeling.

If the Playboy appearance proved she was still in great shape, it achieved little else. The road ended for Ms Hemingway in her apartment, one block from the beach at Santa Monica, where she moved a few

Friends who had come to help her finish settling in on Monday found the door locked. They climbed a ladder and saw the body. She had recently finished narrating a TV show called "The Wild Guide". Mr Mirisch said: "For the

From glamorous model to a

sad figure living alone in

Playboy (above) when she

grandaughter of Ernest and Mary Hemingway (below)

California. Margaux

Hemingway posed for

was 35, but her career

Photographs: Colorific and Frank Spooner

sister, Mariel, or the

expectations of a

hasn't really been the Margaux that we all knew as far as having that 'up' personality." Whatever the official cause of Ms Hemingway's death, it appeared the Hemingway clan had

claimed one of its own. Obitnary, page 14

Male rapists strike in the home

GLENDA COOPER

Male rape victims are usually attacked in their homes by someone they know, a leading psychiatrist said yesterday. Like the rape of women, the "stranger rape" of men is in a small minority said Professor Michael King, head of psychiatry at the Royal Free School of Medicine.

A study carried out by Prof King in 1989 of 22 raped men found that there was a wide range of ages of those attacked, with the oldest man assaulting being 84. "Age and sexual at-tractiveness were often irrelevant as in the case of women, said the professor.

Male rape was first recognised as a problem in the 1980s and became a crime in law last year. The lack of recognition has helped to perpetuate many myths such as it is a crime exclusively committed by homosexuals on other homosexuals, or that a "real man" should be able to fight off a rapist.

Speaking at a conference at De Montford University, Leicester, Prof King said: "Stranger rape is seen as the norm, but the majority of men know the people attacking them. It's interesting that it's the same for men as for women, 'Men find il difficult to believe that they can be held down and raped ... that one-on-one men can be intimidated and can't ai-

ways fight their attacker off." Survivors, a London-based male rape helpline estimates that there is a 50-50 split in their callers between homosexuals and heterosexuals.

Prof King said attacks were much more likely to take place in the victim's or assailant's home, a theory backed up by Metropolitan Police figures.

Double the amount of men in the year up to 31 March have been raped in a flat as in a street. and three times as many men had been raped in a flat as in a

To both men and women the most likely age to he raped at was 20 to 24, according to the police. Prof King said male viciims suffered as much psychological trauma as women who had been raped. His study found the effects on men were devastating. Many as a result developed a phobic avoidance of going out or of other men, suf-fered severe depression or numed to substance abuse.

A spokesman for Survivors said it was not uncommon for men to wait 20 years after the assault before telling anyone.

Bill Grahamslaw, a Detective Superintendent with the Metropolitan Police, said strenuous efforts had been made by the police to encourage men to report crimes. Male chaperons trained officers who support and accompany the victim through police procedures - were introduced in 1991.

The system could work even better," said Det Supt Grahamslaw. "We are undertaking a comprehensive review of the better meeting the victim's

"We need to encourage more male victims to come forward and make them realise they don't have to go to court. We just want to know that the offence has taken place so that we can get a hetter understanding

Private pupils face bias by colleges

DOUL HTIQUL Education Editor

Universities are discriminating against private-sector pupils because tutors think they are privileged, independent school headteachers said yesterday. Some admissions tutors also

made jokes about Asian candidates' surnames, and suggestive comments to female candidates, according to a survey of 21,000 applicants in 270 independent schools. Candidates may also face

five-hour waits for interviews, rude and aggressive interviewing and be questioned in French even though they are applying for a course in modern Greek. Admissions procedures were

seen as a "lottery" for one in ten pupils because hard-pressed universities now interview so few candidates. The heads said university admissions worked well for most pupils hut most schools have some problems. Leaders of the Headmas-

ters' and Headmistresses' Conference of public schools and the Girls' Schools Association called for a fairer admissions system in which candidates would apply after they received their A-level results. At present most pupils apply in the autumn before their A-levels for entry the following September.

They said that good candidates from six out of ten independent schools were being rejected without being inter-viewed because universities had to deal with so many applicants. The subjects most affected were medicine and English in which there are many more applicants

Nearly a third of schools complained of poor interviewing, including long waits, coninterruptions and

interviews of only three or four "It may well be that some adminutes for candidates who had travelled hundreds of miles.

One in five schools reported examples of prejudice of some kind. In one interview of a girl applying for engineering admissions tutors made jokes about women in engineering. There were 17 reports of prejudice against independent schools, nine of them at Oxford and Cambridge. Around half the entrants to Oxford and Cambridge come from fee-paying schools.

Janet Lawley, head of Bury Grammar School for Girls and co-chairman of the working group on university admissions. said: "There are small numbers of examples of apparent prejudice where students have been questioned about their privileged background."

Tony Evans, chairman of the Headmasters' Conference said:

missions tutors are trying to redress what they perceive as an existing imhalance towards pupils from independent schools. Many pupils from our schools

come from backgrounds which are very far from privileged." In medicine, possible prejudice was reported against a Spanish girl and against Asian and Hong Kong pupils and, in general, against those who may decide not to practise in this country. One Catholic school felt that Oxford and Cambridge showed some prejudice against Roman Catholics.

Dr Philip Cheshire, head of Warwick School and co-chairman of the working party, said he believed that most of the problems identified by the survey were encountered by state as well as independent school

Around 40 per cent of

schools reported delays in universities' response to candidates who applied in good time. Delays were most common in English and medicine and in the case of pupils who had also ap-

plied to Oxbridge. One boy who inquired why a reply to his application had been delayed was told: "What do you expect when your name hegins with W."

The heads argue that if stu-dents applied after they received their A-level results, the number of applications would be reduced because they would apply only for courses for which they had the right grades. At present, they apply for six col-leges or universities on the ba-

sis of their predicted results. Vice-chancellors are considering a two-tier application sys-tem with some candidates applying before their A-levels and some after the results.

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Call 999 – there's been a theft from The Bill

DAVID LISTER

They may the country's best eral of the cast of the ITV draknown police officers on prime time television. But in real life they're just a hunch of absentminded luvvies. The cast of The Bill are us-

ing their right to silence over one of their number having his belongings stolen. ITV and the actors involved have kept the incident quiet for several days, as it was felt it might not be in keeping with the image of the series' stars to have their possessions taken from under their

It is particularly awkward as the actor involved, Billy Murray who plays DS Beech, did not exactly follow the crime pre-vention code. He put his be-longings - including a jacket, cash and a camcorder - in a bin-

liner and stuck the bag under a table at a crowded party. The theft occurred when sev-

ma series went into the VIP marquee at The Who/Bob Dylan concert in Hyde Park to drink champagne with Virginia Bottomley, Mick Jagger and others. Mr Murray, who was accompanied by his family, placed his belongings into a black plas-tic bin-liner and put the bag under a table. Whether it was stolen or simply thrown away by a cleaner is unclear, but he has reported it to the real police as a suspected theft.

A spokesman at The Bill's Thames Television production unit said: "Billy Murray ... did have his bag stolen. The members of the cast were there as private individuals. What hanpened doesn't have any bearing on the programme.

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Legal aid shake-up cuts costs but stirs a storm

Consumer groups protest that poor will

have to pay more. Patricia Wynn **Davies** reports

Proposals to make the poorest people in society contribute more to the cost of their legal aid cases - double in some instances - and for the introduction, for the first time, of cash-limited budgets provoked a wave of criticism from legal, advice and consumer groups

The plans are part of the most radical shake-up of legal aid for nearly half a century, launched in a Government White Paper yesterday in a hid to stem the spiralling £1.4bn bill and stop the financing of undeserving cases by the taxpay-

Unveiling the long-awaited paper, Lord Mackay, the Lord Chancellor, declared that the public saw legal aid as "wasteful in supporting too many weak and undeserving cases; as over-priced, with taxpayers on moderate incomes, who would not qualify for legal aid if they sought it, paying what appear to them to be huge lawyers' fees; and as unfair to the opponents of legally aided people who too often feel that they have had to give in on cases that they would have a good chance of winning.

The rich and infamous who had assistance

would still receive free legal ad-

vice at a police station and for

their first appearance at a mag-

istrates' court, and people on benefit would continue to qual-

ify for free help and represen-

tation in the early stages of a

case. But all other defendants

on legal aid who need a lawyer

would pay a fixed-rate sum on

their second court appearance

and in longer cases would be

subjected, as at present, to de-

Amid a plethora of protests

against the proposals, the Na-

tional Consumer Council ac-

cused the Government of

planning "unsubstantiated and

dangerous" changes on the

people were queuing up to



The Government's insistence

that the system is weighted too

heavily in favour of the assist-

ed person has led to a radical

proposal for all applicants - even

free legal aid without a contribution - to pay a £10 or £20 min-

imum fee for issuing or defending most types of civil court proceedings and a new

rule making contributions to continue to be made until the

cost of the case has been met. The current rule that pro-

tects unsuccessful aided liti-

gants from paying their opponents cost would also go,

exposing them to having legal

fees clawed back over a period

In criminal cases, defendants

ose on income support and

Andreas Pavel: A German, ran up £500,000 lawyers over uncle's will.



bring trivial cases

Roger Smith, chairman of the Legal Action Group, the legal aid campaigning organisation, said: "Access to justice will be rationed, with people having to compete for funds within a fixed budget. They will have to pay increased contributions towards the cost of their case. Unsuccessful litigants will be liable to pay the costs of the other side. In an average case their total li-ability could be £5,000, to be paid off long after the case has ended."

Derek Sands, chairman of the Law Society's courts and legal services committee, said: "Virtually no-one will have their acwrong assumption that frivolous cess to justice improved as a result of these proposals. Legal

aid clients will risk a lifetime of debt if they lose. For many people it will be impossible to enforce or defend their legal

Subject to details being worked out in regulations, the paper proposes a new test for weeding ont unmeritorious claims based on whether a case "deserves" a share of the pub-lic funds available. The emphasis on priorities and resources is likely to mean that more foreigners are excluded.

Cases that have triggered the clampdown on "undeserving" cases include the granting of aid to ex-RAF officer Simon Foster to try to force his health authority to give him a sex change, to Jawad Hashim, a former aide to Saddam Hussein, who got £4m to defend a £34m fraud case brought by the Arab Monetary Fund. It emerged this week that cancer patient Cyril Smith has been given aid to sue the NHS.

The proposed new mechanism for excluding unmeritorious claims will increase the chances of the Paper securing a legislative slot in this autumn's Queen's Speech.

But Paul Boateng, Labour's legal affairs spokesman, said Labour rejected a "crude, budget-capping" approach, adding: "These Treasury-driven proposals cut back on justice for those currently in receipt of le-

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NHS hospital league tables: Better measures of performance to be devised



What are the best measures of clinical standards? Numbers of operations performed? Success rates? Waiting time in out-patients? Photograph: Mike Moore

Operation success rates to be revealed

NICHOLAS TIMMINS Public Policy Editor

Measures of the quality of hosyear, Stephen Dorrell, the actually treated." indicated yesterday. His com-ments followed publication of the latest league tables of hospital performance, to the usual barrage of criticism that they measure quantity rather

Pilot studies on the success rate of different types of operation and treatment should be completed late this year, Mr Dorrell said. "We shall then consider how best to use the results to inform the public about the clinical standards achieved." This will be subject to the pilots' establishing that sensible measures of clinical performance can be produced.

Measures used include waiting time for in-patient and outpatient appointments, day surgery rates, and operations cancelled and not performed within a month. Forty-two per cent of hospitals scored five stars, a near 25 per cent increase, up from 29 per cent two years ago. A general improvement was marred by a small overall increase in the number of operations not performed within a month of cancellation.

Jim Johnson, chairman of the argued that clinical indicators British Medical Association's consultants committee, pro-tested that the tables could be the present ones. In his region, for example, one hospital had

that it was entirely right that the should be seen was assessed as soon as they reached hospital. in death rates disappeared. He added: "We would like to There are also concerns with publish more about clinical success rates." A dozen potential measures are being examined. including deaths within a month of operation, surgical wound infection rates, deaths in hospital after heart attacks, and damage to the brain or other organs following surgery.

The measures are being developed in conjunction with the Joint Consultants Committee, which represents the medical Royal Colleges and the British Medical Association. Professor Sir Norman Brouse, its chairman, said the committee had no objection to publishing clinical outcomes "provided they mean something". The committee would resist publication of death rates, as has been done in Scotland. "But we are looking for four or five conditions or problems we could focus on, where we could make real comparisons,"

Mr Johnson, however, were "even more difficult" than misleading. "It is nonsense to been found to have twice the

say a hospital gets five stars death rate compared to when a nurse sees 95 per cent of patieots within five minutes weakening of the main artery of arriving at casualty, if they wall, which can lead to rupture. pital treatment could begin next then wait six hours to be But one was a teaching hospital taking less urgent cases for was a district general hospital urgency with which a patient taking emergencies. Once that was allowed for the difference

> There are also concerns within the Department of Health that focusing on only one or two clinical indicators could distort treatment, as hospitals strive to achieve high ratings on the few indicators that are measured.

Yesterday's tables show no hospital is universally good or bad, but Halton Hospital on Merseyside scored the highest proportion of five-star ratings for the second year running, with 39 out of 52. Other good performers included the South Manchester Hospitals, East Gloucestershire NHS Trust, Epsom, Central Middlesex, the Central Nottinghamshire Trust and Walton Hospital, a community Trust in Chesterfield.

In general, big city hospitals, including some famous teach-ing hospitals, tended to fare worse than smaller units, a feature, Mr Dorrell said, of their being "the biggest man-agement challenges". ☐ National and regional versions

of the tables are available by calling 0800 555777, or on the Internet at http://www.open. gov.uk./doh/tables96.htm Leading article, page 11

Job agency to oppose Labour 'ageism' law

BARRIE CLEMENT Labour Editor

A row erupted yesterday over Labour's plan to outlaw "ageism" as employment agencies agreed to exclude any mention of age in joh advertisements. While the Labour Party

reiterated its intention to introduce a law banning age dis-crimination, a leading British recruitment firm declared outright opposition to legislation.

Alec Reed, chairman of Reed Personnel Services, said he opposed more recruitment law and argued skill shortages were growing so fast that the problem would "solve itself".

However, Ian McCartney, Labour's employment spokes-man, said Labour's plans were "focusing minds" throughout industry. There was still a need to Outlaw age discrimination, just as previous statute had banned sexual and racial prejudice.

post hags the Lahour Party gets. A new law will underpin cultural change."

opinion emerged as agencies covering 90 per cent of the recruitment market refused to handle advertisements where clients insisted on age limits.

The initiative was announced at a conference sponsored by the Carnegie Third Age Programme which campaigns on behalf of active over-50s who may have retired, but who can still make a contribution to the economy and society.

The announcement by staff agencies comes in the wake of growing pressure from interest groups, but also amid a mounting realisation among employers that democratic trends will force them to take on older

Richard Goldie, chief exec-

"The issue is not sorting utive of the Macmillan Davies itself out. It's one of the biggest Agency, said companies need-Agency, said companies needed to realise that during the next decade the number of job seekers over the age of 35 would rise. The strong difference of while those under the age of 34

Anne Riley, chief executive

of Austin Knight, another leading recruitment firm, said the initiative coincided with improving business confidence. "There is more recruitment. but there are signs of skill shortages in information technology. To fill these vacancies, employers will have to recognise

that age is no longer a legitimate.

factor in recruitment."

Richard Worsley, director of the programme, said that winning the support of recruitment advertising agencies would be a "crucial turning point in exposing the fallacy that anyone can tell from a person's age whether they have what it takes to employ them".







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IoW in UDI as island activists plan vote to be tax haven

The Isle of Wight is no stranger to the wealthy swagger of the yachtie, the sometimes brash smell of bilge water and new money. But if its politicians have their way, the smell of money may be a permaneot fixture.

After freedom calls from Wates and Scotland, the small island, situated only a half-hour ferry ride from Southampton, is likely to make a cry for autonomy of its own, coupled with an audacious push to be recognised as a free port and tax haven.

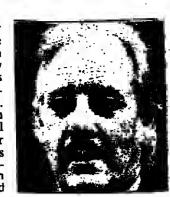
For seven days of the year, the Isle of Wight becomes the centre of the social calendar, the place where new and old money go to race their yachts, drink their champagne and be seen

wearing the right deck shoes. The rest of the time, despite attracting more than 2m tourists, it suffers depressioo. It shares the lowest gross domestic product of any county - 3 per ceot - with South Glamorgan. Wheo the tourists go home,

it suffers poor transport, a lack of industry and seasooal unemployment of 15 per cent. The national average is less than 8 per ceot.

But the islanders may soon take part in a referendum that could result in two demands landing oo John Major's desk. The first, for a rail or tunnel link to the mainland, is

retired folk don't. The secood was described



On 17 July, Morris Barton,

the Liberal Democrat leader of

the Isle of Wight council, will

ask its policy committee to ap-

prove a referendum on pro-

posals for a devolved admin-

istration with law-making and

It would give the island free-

port status - effectively making it a duty-free island - and could

lead to calls to make it a tax

haveo like the Channel Islands.

beeo sadly neglected by central Government, and we feel that

we could improve things for its

"We feel that this island has

tax-raising powers.

Better known for its yachts and as Queen Victoria's holiday retreat, a small island is dreaming of greatness. Steve Boggan reports



dents pay nothing. The islands benefit, therefore, by an influx of banks and insurance comtax partner with the London law panies from the employment they bring and from the taxes firm Reynolds Porter Chamraised on their employees.

The moves are supported in principal by the Isle of Wight Labour leader Kenn Pearson:
"It's a great ideal, but I can't see th happening in my lifetime."
Tory leader Roy Westmore Tory leader Roy Westmore was more dismissive. "This idea has been bouncing round for 40

years but it's just plain crazy." he said. "Who knows? Perhaps

Morris Barton would run for

President with a geoerous salary

and expenses.

recognised states with their own governments, which they retain. They simply ceded sover-eignly to Britain in return for protection. The tale of Wight is just another part of Britain. "There is as much chance of mc winning the lottery two weeks running as there is of the Isle of Wight becoming a tax

haven. No, make that three

weeks running."

Experts helieve the island

has no chance of becoming a tax

haven. Charles Suchett-Kaye,

berlain said: "Jersey, Guernsey

and the Isle of Man were once



A scene on the front of the pier at Ryde. Voters among the 126,000 islanders may soon be asked to vote in a referendum devolution, involving law-making and tax-raising powers

population if we were given more control over our destiny," said Mr Barton.
"We would expect to still have links with the British Government, and we would have the Queen as head of state. "But the controversial - the young island could benefit financially entrepreceurs want it, the if it were made a free port."

In the Channel Islands, residents pay a flat rate of tax at

Implant for birth control 'killed off'

LIZ HUNT Health Editor

A contraceptive implant hailed as the perfect method of birth control at its launch in 1993, has beeo "killed off" by lawyers, the media and a government reluctant to pay for it, its manufacturers are claiming.
Prescriptions for Norplant

have dwindled from up to 5,000 a mooth in the first year of its launch to fewer than 20, as allegations of side-effects and threats of legal action against the drug company have grown. In addition, since October

1995, GPs have been advised not to fit or remove the implant by the British Medical Association, on purely financial grounds after a dispute with the Department of Health over fees.

Family planning experts say that as a result, thousands of women, particularly younger women, are being denied the most reliable form of contraception to date, which lasts for five years but is reversible within 24 hours of removal, and is cost-effective.

They say there are oo medical grounds for concern, with con-tinuation rates after one year of use of between 85 to 90 per cent.

according to a recent report in the British Medical Journal.

A total of 475 womeo – less than 1 per ceot of 53,000 womeo who are using Norplant in the United Kingdom have sought legal advice on pos-sible compensation claims, after suffering side-effects, particularly heavy bleeding, or problems with insertion or removal of the implant. No writs have

heen issued to date. Caroline Foster, 26, of the Norplant Actioo Group, which has campaigned over the implant, has had three operations on her arm after a botched removal of the implant. But she said yesterday she did not want lo stop women using it. "We just wanted to sit down with the company and get them to acknowledge the problems that hundreds of women are suffering - acne, weight gain, heavy bleeding, mood swings - that their doctors

didn't warn them about." Known as the "fit and forget" contraceptive, Norplant - made

by Hoechst Roussel - has been used by millions of women for over 20 years with no major problems reported. However, it attracted criticism in the United States from the moral majority and religious groups for

encouraging promiscuity.
Norplant also became some thing of a civil rights issue there after some judges appeared to be adopting it as a form of punishment for women who abused their children. Schools in Los Angeles and Baltimore provided it for pupils and there were claims that benefit agencies were forcing young, single mothers to use it as a condition

Norplant consists of six matchstick-sized rods worn under the skin of the upper arm which release the hormone levonorgestrel. They cannot be seeo but can be feit. Doctors have to be trained in insertion and removal and about 8,000 have taken the course to date. Problems have arisen when untrained doctors have attempted to fit or remove the implant

Ruth Griggs of the Family Planning Association said yes-terday. "Unfortunately, no one can stop untrained doctors from doing this but it has resulted in problems for some women. Norplant is safe and effective for many women. It has received a disproportionate amount of bad publicity."

A spokesman for Hoechst Roussel said prescriptions for Norplant were 100 per cent down oo the same period last year. In the long-run, women are the losers. We have here a product which has been well received by the medical profession and by the vast majority of users, killed off by an unholy al-liance of the media, lawyers and government bureaucracy. There were a small oumber of problems blown out of all proportion but women have been left with the feeling there is something 'dodgy' about this."

David Bromham, senior lecturer in obstetrics and gynaecology at St James's University Hospital, Leeds, says that the "trial by media" was unjustified and would prevent new and improved implants becoming available.



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Taxpayer to foot bill for MoD houses sale which they will get a return of

Confidential revelations give new twist to allegations of 'Get Portillo' campaign. Colin Brown reports

The allegations of a "get Portillo" campaign last night took a fresh twist after it was disclosed that the taxpayer will bave to pay an undisclosed sweetener to a foreign company for the sale of MoD

Labour sources said they had been given confidential information which will further undermine the efforts by the Defence Secretary, Michael Portillo, to avert a Commons

Tory rebellion over the plan. But there is a widespread feeling among Tory MPs that Mr Portillo's hopes of a long-term hid for the leadership have been damaged by the battle over

MOD bouses. Some of Mr Portillo's supporters believe there has been a dirty tricks campaign to discredit him, possibly by others on the right, or armed forces sources who dislike his style of leadership at the MOD.

There were claims that he wanted to sell off Admiralty Arch, which proved unfounded, and a whispering campaign has been running against his plans for the sale of the houses.

Tony Blair, the Labour leader, sensing blood, clashed with John Major again over the issue during Prime Minister's question time, warning that it would be a bad deal for the tax-

The leaking of new details about the sale of the houses is certain to intensify the battle between Mr Portillo and supporters of John Redwood, who are strongly opposed to the

sale.

The senior Labour sources have been informed that all the four final bidders for the homes are foreign buyers. They are: the Japanese Nomura Bank, the Dutch bank ING Barings, and two American companies, Morgan Stanley and Lehman Broth-

Mr Portillo has given assur-ances that a foreign huyer will have no effect on security on the bases, which has been heightened because of the renewed IRA bombing campaign and the Osnabruck mortar attack. But backbenchers are uneasy at foreign buyers taking over the

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Rivals for power: John Redwood (left) and Michael Portillo (right) may beco

lating in the City among potential bidders, guarantees that the buyer will be paid by the MOD a specified amount for night that the taxpayer will pay

the sale, which has been circu-each year of the 25 year lease the difference between the sum or an aggregate rent, whichever is the higher.

guaranteed to the buyer and the rents collected by the MOD

service a debt of up to £950 milhow much that sum will be. The Labour sources have

In addition, they will be exlearned that hidders are being pected to inject equity of around £600-700 million on The MoD confirmed last from the servicemen and told they will get a guaranteed ight that the taxpayer will pay women but it refused to disclose rental which will be enough to

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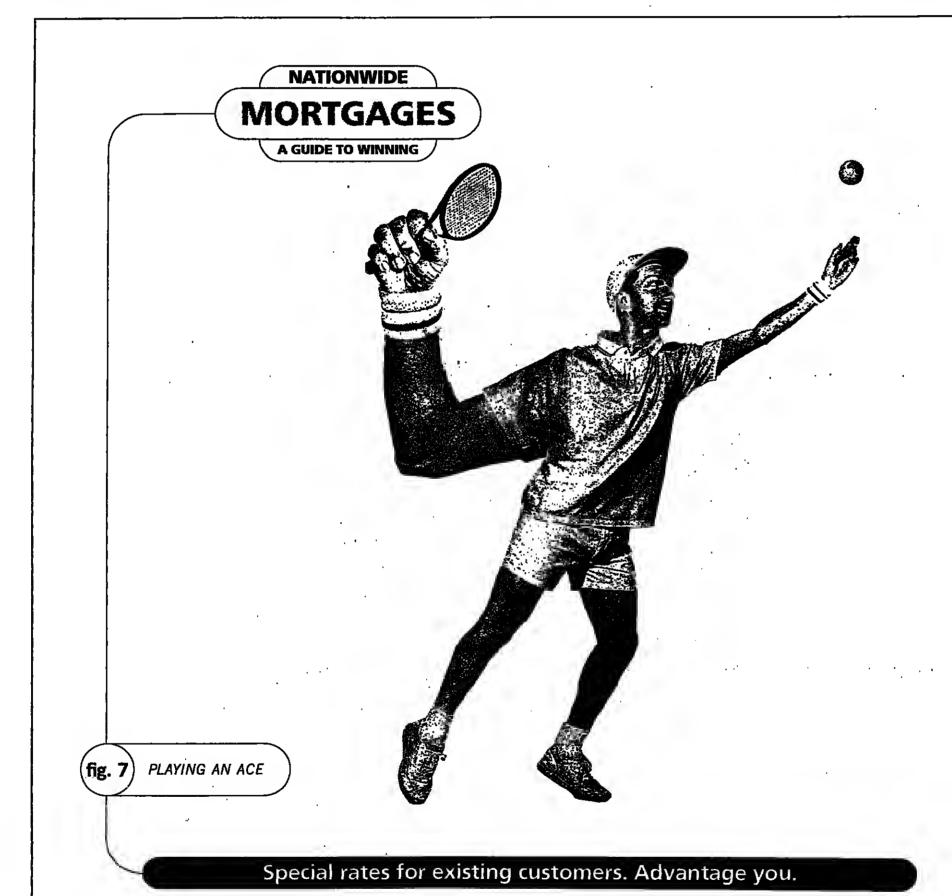
Labour sources estimated that the returns could amount to £165 million a year, which could mean that the successful bidder will have met the purchase price for the homes be-fore half of the lease has expired. In addition, the buyer will get houses released for

David Clark, the Labour's defence spokesman, said: "It's bad for the taxpayer and it's bad for the service men and

An MoD spokesman said:
"Our first priority is to the servicemen and women. Our second priority is to the taxpayer. This will be a good deal for the

taxpayer."
However, he insisted that the details of the rent to be paid to the buyer by the Government were confidential and still un-

der negotiation. It is certain that the deal will be closely examined by the Public Accounts Committee after it has gone through. The cross-party Commons select committee on defence, chaired by Tory MP Michael Colvin, is expected to report shortly in Mr Portillo's



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Police unit to tackle organised gangsters

JASON BENNETTO Crime Correspondent

A new national crime unit with more than 1,700 officers is to be set up to tackle drug traffickers and other organised gangsters,

it was announced yesterday.
The unit will be split into two sections, an operational Crime Squad, made up of existing Regional Crime Squads members, and an intelligence gathering wing, comprising the National Criminal Intelligence Service and some MI5 officers. Details of the proposed crime

unit, the existence of which was revealed in the Independent, were announced yesterday by Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, at the Association of Chief Police Officers' summer conference in Manchester. Mr Howard disclosed that two new "service authorities",

similar to the existing police authorities, will be set up to oversee the national squad, which will cover England and However he did not offer any

new money for the unit, arguing that existing budgets for NCIS and Regional Crime Squads ought to be enough. The six regional crime squads now have 1,421 officers and 229

civilian staff, while NCIS has 242 police officers, two members of MI5, 44 customs personnel and 250 civilian staff. Mr Howard is expected to

introduce a crime Bill in the autumn to include the proposals for the two squads. Under attempt to seize any assets.

the plans, the Home Office would lose responsibility for NCIS, which would become an independent force.

Police chiefs believe a dedicated unit will be an important development in the fight against organised crime and drug dealing, whose influence is growing in Britain. Mr Howard said: "Organised crime is the multimillion-pound industry which puts beroin on our streets. threatens the integrity of our financial centres through fraud and money laundering and exploits human misery.

"We need a national response to threats on a national scale." Mr Howard said an independent commissioner would oversee the use of police phone taps and bugging and investigate complaints resulting from covert surveillance. Sir James Sharples, president of ACPO, welcomed the new crime squad, which his organisation has been closely involved in establishing.

■ New laws to allow the police to take out civil actions to seize the assets of suspected organised criminals should be examined, one of the country's most senior detectives said vesterday. Commander Roy Penrose. national co-ordinator of the Regional Crime Squads, told the ACPO conference that major criminals were hiding behind middlemen to stop courts confiscating illegally obtained money. Under existing British law the police must obtain a relevant conviction before they can

Photo-driving licence 'a voluntary ID card'

New driving licences with photographs should be used as a voluntary identity card, MPs

However, the influential Home Affairs select committee ruled out any move to introduce

a compulsory national ID card. At the launch of the committee's report, MPs said they were influenced by arguments submitted by the police, who did not want the card to be compulsory because it might alien-

ate them from the public. The committee favoured a card that could be used as a

proof of identity, combined with a driving licence and passport for use in Europe...

MPs said the benefits and convenience of the card would encourage people to participate in the scheme. Photocard driving licences are due to be introduced next year.

The committee's chairman Sir Ivan Lawrence, said: "If 35 million people have a driving licence, then a significant proportion of those will want to have a licence plus identity card for the advantages it will bring them."





Shows that can't afford to go on

REBECCA FOWLER

There is no business like show business, but according to Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber the books are not balancing. The world's most successful composer claimed yesterday that the future of British musicals is "parlous", and £75 per ticket would be a realistic price for a new hlockbuster musical.

Sir Andrew has, alongside Sir Cameron Mackintosh, the producer, transformed the musical into the greatest commercial force in the theatre, with productions such as Cats, which became the longest-running musical in the world earlier this year.

However. Sir Andrew claimed yesterday, on the eve of the opening of his latest production, By Jeeves, that rising production costs, audience expectations, and the burden placed on commercial productions by subsidised theatre was placing an unrealistic strain on the world of musicals.



can't sustain that. We are living in very parlous times for the future of musicals, and it's going to become increasingly difficult because commercial theatre is disadvantaged now against subsidised theatre."

Sir Andrew, who remortgaged his house 15 years ago to raise part of the £500,000 capital for Cats, the lavish musical adaptation of TS Eliot's poems, calculated that the same production would cost £2.5m to launch in the current climate, and it would be impossible to keep ticket prices low.

He told Classic FM radio: "We were £15 top price for our tickets, with a lower VAT rate. Now, if we had to open Cats today, to he able to keep pace and do the kind of production we did ,we would have to be charging £75 a ticket."

According to Sir Andrew both he and Sir Cameron, who will launch the musical adaptation of Martin Guerre next week, are both seriously concerned by the financial pressures on producers. He added: "It's going to be very difficult to do the kind of big musical that

The "angels", individuals who finance shows, would agree. Although there are rich ckings from the great British juggernauts of the musicals world, most shows lose every-

Sir Andrew: Predicts rise to of higher initial costs, it takes

He said: "Musical theatre get back the initial investmen nowadays. It also takes longer to get a decent return, even from a highly successful

> concerns that musicals are losing out, they are flourishing more than ever. Last year, musicals represented 62 per cent of all West End theatre attendances. In stark contrast, modern drama represented 11 per cent and classical plays 8 per cent of seats.

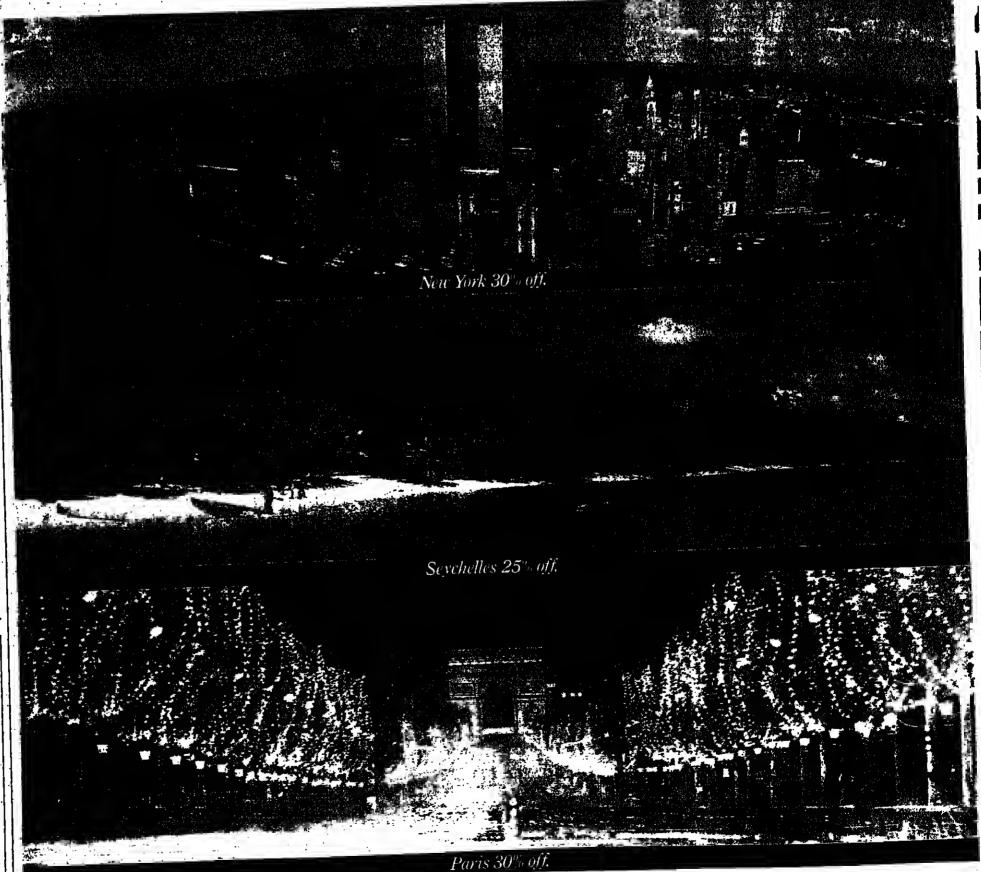
Despite his fears that ticket prices cannot keep up with production costs, the highest price to see the recent production of Sunset Boulevard, one of the most lavish shows in London, is £35. A top price ticket to Cats costs £32.50 and for the Royal Shakespeare Company's



edited by David Lister

Display of poise: Rare dark red wax Florentine figure by Giam Bologna from the second half of the 16th century (estimated price £50-80,000) to be auctioned tomorrow in Sotheby's sale of European works of art in London, which is expected to raise £5m

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First Night

Sir skimps on style, but Jeeves is in fine form.

evident last night. Twenty years ago, the saviour of Britain's balance of payments had his one and only flop. By Jeeves - with Lloyd Webber as composer, Alan Ayckbourn as lyricist and Eric Thompson, father of Emma, as director opened to dreadful reviews and closed within weeks.

David Hemmings, who played Bertie Wooster in that production, was in the audience to see the show reborn at the Duke of York's Theatre, London, last night.

Though he went on to become the most successful composer of British musicals ever, Sir Andrew has never forgotten his moment of failure. If an interviewer didn't ask him about By Jeeves, he would bring

up the subect himself. Now, 20 years on, he has decided to exorcise the ghost. He and Ayckbourn have re-created the show. It has new songs, there have been many changes to the script from Ayckbourn and it is snappier and shorter. Nevertheless for the opening 20 minutes it left a first night audience a little bewildered.

This seemed extremely smallscale Lloyd Webber. It was almost an Edinburgh Fringe

An insight into the psyche of Sir skit. The set had barely any Webber was scenery, there were just five musicians, and bore the frankly unnecessary conceit of presenting the Wodehouse story in the form of Jeeves and Wooster putting on a piece of amateur

dramatics. Then things began to perk up considerably. As the audience began to accept this was not a lavish Sunset Boulevard or Phantom of the Opera, it warmed to the delightful melodies and their knockabout Ayckbourn lyrics.

The predatory wooing of Wooster by the pugnacious Honoria Glossop ("The secret with men, of course, is to treat them like horses") provided one of the many moments that had the audience buckling up with laughter.

The show had hight comedy ensemble acting of the highest standard, led by Steven Pacey and Malcolm Sinclair.

Rarely has a Lloyd Webber show provided so much humour. Afterwards, members of the audience described the show as "great fun" and "daft". This was Lloyd Webber in mi-

nor key, but no less pleasurable for that. The lingering pain in his psyche has been purged. David Lister

DAILY POEM

Shakespeare and crisps

By Brendan Kennelly

The silent majority are a noisy lot, thought Ace, venturing down a street into a theatre where the stage was set for A Midsummer-Night's Dream in mid-winter. Crisps and peanuts were available in the theatre bar and many customers, e'er the play began, filled their bellies with beer which meant they were pissing throughout the first act. It was a nightmare for Ace who was fu to scream. He changed seats.

The couple in front were chatting like Saddams. he saw but couldn't hear the play. Bad. Bad dream. If only the silent majority stayed silent,

he thought, Shakespeare might be with us a moment but whenever these words have a chance to fly about crisps, beer and peanuts knock 'em out.

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Germany contemplates ending conscription in the governing coalition, Mr Waigel, painted as a letter written by Volker Rühe, Germany's European partners. in vesterday's editorial. At premon every able-bodied male of the convergence of the

IMRE KARACS

Germany's declining economic power is threatening one of the cornerstones of its democratic system: the conscript-hased national army, which replaced the professionalism of the country's militaristic past.

A heated row within the government over proposed defence cuts has focused attention on Germany's inability to finance conscription beyond the year 2000. Yesterday, the Free Democrats, the junior partners

called for a parliamentary dehate, and announced they would hold a referendum among their members over the future of the Bundeswehr.

"If it came to cutting 10,000-20,000 men or more, then I could see that we would have to call conscription into question. at least in its current form," said Gunther Nolting, the Free Democrats' defence spokesman. "I could well imagine that we would have to consider introducing a militia system in

Scrooge prepared to sacrifice the democratic principles of the nation's defence on the altar of financial rectitude, has even been denounced by memhers of his own party. "If the total cuts of 12 billion [marks] demanded by the Finance Minister are what we really want politically, than we cannot maintain the draft," said Klaus Rose, a fellow Christian Socialist and chairman of parliament's

defence committee. The debate was sparked last week by a deliberately leaked

Mr Waigel, painted as a letter written by Volker Rühe, the Defence Minister, to his cabinet colleague Theo Waigel, who is in charge of the finance ministry. Mr Waigel's demand for a cut in the defence budget would undermine the draft and endanger Europe-wide arms procurement projects, Mr Rühe

> The latter include the fournation Eurofighter aircraft in which Britain has a stake, the Franco-German spy satellite Helios, as well as a new combat helicopter and a transport belicopter to be built together with

European commitments was addressed to Chancellor Helmut Kohl, who takes a personal interest in these projects. But raising the alarm over conscription was meant for the German public, the majority of whom continue to mistrust people who earn their living

"A professional army keeps itself busy - "its trade is war," was how the liberal daily Suddeutsche Zeitung articulated the angst of the man in the street

Germany's European partners.
Mr Rühe's warning about in vesterday's editorial. At present, 140,000 out of the Bundeswehr's total strength of 340,000 are drafted.

Military service is not popular - half of last year's potential recruits declared themselves to be conscientious objectors and opted for community service instead. But the universal draft is seen as a guarantee of fair recruitment, reflecting a cross-section of society, and excluding the possibility of the armed forces ever again falling into the hands of professional

German citizen of conscription age is enshrined in the constitution.

The defence budget has been whittled down from 54bn marks at the time of German reunification in 1990 to DM47.1bn (£20bn). Now Mr Waigel wants to cut it again to DM46hn next year and keep slashing costs until the year 2000, in order to bring the budget deficit down to a level that meet the Maastricht criteria and qualify Germany for European Monetary Union.

isters with growing irritation.
yesterday repeated his commitment to a conscript force.
But critics say there will soon not be enough money to finance the Bundeswehr at its current size, and cost-cutting will in-evitably lead to a radical over-

nce.

Earlier this year, France decided to disch two centuries of military tradition in favour of a leaner, finter and cheaper army. and Germany may well have to

New turn of Corsican violence alarms Paris

MARY DEJEVSKY

In words that have a familiar and awful resonance in Britain and Northern Ireland, the mayor of Bastia in northern Corsica called on the French authorities yesterday to stop getting lost in negotiations with this or that armed band. Respect the rule of law and disarm the armed groups - all armed groups.

The mayor, Emile Zuccarelli, was speaking the day after a powerful car bomh exploded in the picturesque old port area of his city, killing one person and injuring 15, two seriously.

Three of the victims, including the man killed, Pierre Louis Lorenzi, 34, were known members of Cuncolta, the legal political front for one of Corsica's most bardline nationalist movements, the FLNC.

Charles Pieri, 46, who was very seriously injured, is a co-founder of the FLNC. He is regarded as the main target of the attack.

The bomh was planted in a Citroen parked in front of the cans is the extent to which the offices of the security firm they island now seems governed by ran. In a pattern repeated time the gun rather than by law. and again, the car had been stolen the previous day and and wheeler-dealing by French stolen the previous day and parked close to its target. The bomh is believed to have been activated by a remote control.

Although Corsica has been wracked by violence in recent years, this attack - which took place on Monday afternoon, at the start of the tourist season was immediately condemned on the island and in Paris as a new and dangerous departure.

Until now, attacks have been "targeted" at people or buildings deemed to be directly involved in the conflict.

as the first intended to injure in-discriminately. Among those hurt were people who had been sitting in seafront bars and passers-by, including a 14-year-old boy and two retired people.

old boy and two retired people. Yesterday, the scenes of hlood and destruction in Bastia were being compared with the aftermath of car bombs in Lebanon and Algeria, places that have historical and current significance in France.

In Paris, the Interior Minister, Jean-Louis Debre, called such violence "intolerable".

He promised to send in a unit of special paramilitary police. In another sign of firmness, the head of the anti-terrorist section of the French police, Irène Stoller, was immediately dispatched to Bastia to head the

investigation in person. The atmosphere in Bastia was one of shock and dismay as the implications of the attack sank in. The killing brought the num-ber of people killed directly in terrorist attacks in Corsica to 20 in less than two years.

As worrying for many Corsiauthorities for this situation.

A visit to the island last January from the interior minister, Jean-Louis Debre was thoroughly eclipsed by the FLNC, which staged a night-time encounter with 600 armed guerrillas in a mountain hide-out for the henefit of the French press. The Prime Minister, Alain

Juppe, denied that Paris was in-volved in deals with the terrorists. But this was the only way many people could explain the fact that the FLNC's show of Monday's bomh is regarded strength had gone unpunished.



Aftermath: A victim of Monday's nationalist bomb in the Corsican port of Bastia is carried to safety by firemen

Nanny exposes Netanyahus' obsessions

PATRICK CUCKBURN

On the day Binyamin Netanyahu was elected prime minister of Israel, his wife, Sara, would not let their nanny out of the house to vote. "I really wanted to, but she did not let me go." says Tanya Shaw, the Netanyahu family nanny who was fired for burning the soup last Sunday and has astonished Israelis with her revelations of life in the Prime Minister's

housebold. During the six months she

she was treated with Dickensian rigour by Mrs Netanyahu. On being hired, she said: "I could not wear make-up and I had to

wear carpet slippers."
Her terms of employment were also strict, she says. "We drew up a contract which stated that, if I left, I would have to pay 4,800 shekels (£1,000)."
When Ms Shaw was expelled

from the Netanyahu house by the prime minister's bodyguard, she says Mrs Netanyahu refused to let her take belongings unless she first paid £1,000.

to the newspaper, Ma'ariv, she did finally return to the house to get ber clothes. They packed them like they were throwing away trash," she said, "Even my glasses were broken, and they put the garbage that was in the

room in the suitcase." reading for Israelis and will certainly have done lasting damage to Mrs Netanyahu, 35, who was previously little known.

All this has made riveting

It also shows that Mr Ne-

tanyahu has a curious home life.

According to Ms Shaw's ac-

was employed, Ms Shaw says Having confided her troubles count, his wife is obsessed with touched the floor. She says: cleanliness. "I had to wash my hands every time I was about to touch the children," she says. "I had to wash my hands before I touched their bed, their cothes, the laundry, anything,"

Mr Netanyahu was also unable to touch his sons, Avner and Yair, because of his wife's insistance on constant handwashing. Ms Shaw claims that Yair was not allowed to get off the sofa and sat for hours watching television hecanse Mrs Netanyahu thought be would get dirty if his feet

come to the house hecause

they are 'dirty'.' The prime minister's office said Ms Shaw was unhalanced and was sacked because she was regarded as a security threat by the Shin Bet security agency. However, a Shin Bet official told the Israeli press: "There is and, as far as we know, there never was - a security problem with the Netanyahu family nanny. The nanny never disturbed our work and we never perceived her as a security risk."

Rifkind settles row over

Jeddah (Reuter) — After talks with Saudi leaders yesterday. Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, said the two sides had dismissed a row over the London-based Saudi dissident.
Mohammad al-Masari.

Masari

Mr Rifkind's trip was planned before last week's bomb attack in Dhahran which killed 19 US servicemen. But it gave the Foreign Secretary the chance to brief Saudi officials on the de-cision by leaders of the world's top industrialised nations at the G7 summit in Lyons to boost the fight against terrorism. Britain has been keen to end the row over Mr Masari, a fun-damentalist Islamic dissident

who has bitterly criticised the Saudi royal family since ficeing to London in 1995. Britisb husinessmen had warned that his attacks could threaten trade with Saudi Arahia. The Foreign Office had tried to deport him, but was

blocked by a British court. Mr Rifkind told a news conference after talks with Crown Prince Abdullah and Foreign Minister, Prince Saud al-Faisal. that the matter had not affect-ed relations between Riyadh

and London. "The subject of Mr Masari has only been raised once, very briefly, and only to dismiss it. It is clearly agreed that it is irrelevant to our relations."

To emphasise the British Government's anger with Mr Masari, Mr Rifkind briefed Saudi officials on a British plan to change the United Nations convention on refugees to stop people taking advantage of asy-lum laws while promoting,

funding or assisting terrorism. The plan would not affect Mr Masari, but could prevent "future Masaris", said an aide. Saudi officials have been angered by his recent remarks, in which he supported what he called the intellectual arguments behind the Dharan bombing, although

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War softens Turkish PM's Islamic zeal

Kurdish struggle is forcing Erbakan to dilute his fervour, writes Hugh Pope

public has conquered two of its most damaging political taboos: the fear of a pro-Islamic government, and of an automatic military intervention to pre-But not even the all-embracing rhetoric of Necmettin

Istanbul - The Turkish re-

Erbakan, the pro-Islamic Prime Minister who took office last Friday, nor his professions of friendship for Turkey's Middle Eastern neighbours, are likely to save him from a crash course in the taboos and violence of Turkey's equally old Kurdish

Mr Erbakan will be haunted by decisions taken during the political uncertainty of the past nine months. With quiet support from its main ally, the United States, Turkey's republican establishment decided the time was ripe to target Syria, hlaming it for harbouring the chief of the rebel Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK).

Aggressive Turkish speeches were made in Hatay, the former Syrian province of Alexandreita seized by Turkey in 1939 and claimed by Syria. A military co-operation agreement was signed with Israel. A mysterious bomb exploded in Damascus near the house of the PKK's leader, Abdullah Ocalan.

Now Mr Ocalan is striking hack, abandoning a frayed uni-lateral cease-fire. Last month the PKK shot up a pro-govemment television station near the Turkish Kurd town of Middle East.

Diyarbakir, killing nine people, mostly women and children. A militant then cut down the Turkish flag at the main congress of HADEP, the only surviving legal pro-Kurdish political party in Turkey. In its place he hung up the insignia of the PKK. Predictably, the Turks played into the militants' hands and arrested the HADEP leader, Murat Bozlak and 50 of

its top officials.
Then came Turkey's first suicide bomb attack on Sunday night, in the remote, troubled eastern town of Tunceli. A Turkish military band had just finished playing the national anthem at an evening flag-lowering ceremony on the town square when a 24-year-old Kurdish militant, Zeynep Kinali, apparently pregnant, pushed forward. Shouting slogans in Kurdish, she exploded in a ball of flame that killed six soldiers and wounded 31.

That the Syrian-based PKK in Turkey should suddenly decide to use the same tactics as Hamas in Israel is doubtless coincidental. Syria's Foreign Minister, Farouq al-Shara, reacting to accusations of complicity, told the Turkish newspaper Millivet: You've got the wrong address."

But in many ways, Turkey, which for years has pursued an almost exclusively Westernising agenda of integration with Europe, is now finding its agenda more and more dominated by all kinds of addresses in the



The military pact with Israel proved it was ready to act in harmony with the US-fostered concept of an Israeli-Turkish-Jordanian alliance, unnerving the main target, Syria, irritating Egypt and infuriating Iran. Any new regional initiative by Turkey, with its 65 million people and important economy, undoubtedly seemed a threat to the established Arab order.

Signs of strain between Turkey and Iran also surfaced last week, with Iranian claims that Turkish helicopters had targeled a border village and killed six civilians near the area affected by PKK-Turkish fighting. Turkey said the Iranian claim was a pretext to allow a mob to burn the Turkish flag in

front of a Turkish consulate. Iran, Iraq and Syria, therefore. responded with alacrity to the possibility of a new start with Mr Erbakan, who talked of Islamic hrotherhood and a newly united Middle East. Iran's President, Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, invited him to Tehran. The Iraqi newspaper Babil promised "economic and noneconomic" benefits if he helped Iraq overcome its UN trade cmhargo. Even the Syrian state newspaper Tishreen cantiously welcomed a new start.

But Mr Erbakan's vision of Turkey's Middle East role is more that of an Ottoman-style leader. And while the need to consolidate power remains his overwhelming priority, he appears to be ready to dispense ith his Islamic ideals.

Mr Erbakan has already abandoned his promise to grant ethnic rights to the Kurds. The first item on his government programme, read out on Saturday, was support for the army's purely military solution to the problem. A promise was made not to interfere with international and strategic agreements "if they do not damage national security". Positivesounding contacts have started already between his Welfare

Party and the Israeli embassy. Turkish commentators are divided about the future of Mr Erbakan's coalition with True Path Party leader, Tansu Ciller, which faces a close parliamentary vote of confidence next Monday. But some are begging for a new approach to the Kurdish conflict that has killed 20,000 people since 1984. "It is the one-dimensional struggle against the PKK that is making the people in the south-east revolt," Gungor Mengi, chief columnist of Sabah newspaper, said.



international

Yeltsin v Zyuganov: Run-off for Russian presidency pits sick reformist against shady apparatchik

The man with an uncertain future ...

Boris Yeltsin goes into today's presidential election as the firm favourite, boosted by residual to hring Alexander Lebed, the fears of Communism, a gradual economic recovery, the partisan support of most Russian media, and a constitution that fails to specify how he would relinquish power should be lose.

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If the odds are stacked overwhelmingly in favour of a Yeltsin victory, the political course that he may chart during a four-year second term in office is less clear. The question of his health seems unlikely to ogise," he told a news conferbe decisive in influencing voters, since Russian television and newspapers have harely touched on his recent absence from public view and have deliberately muffled the cries of his Communist opponent, Geonady Zyuganov, that the Pres-

ident is too ill to govern.

The public televisioo network, ORT, refused oo Monday to air an advertisement for Mr Zyuganov, ostensibly because the Communists had not paid for it, but more probably because the network's pro-Yeltsin executives feared the commercial's emphasis oo corruption and disarray in the Kremlin. The main risk of embarrassment to the President lies in the possibility that today's turn-out will fall below the 60 per cent Mr Yeltsin's strategists and indepeodeot analysts believe is essential to his re-electioo.

pand his vote beyood this base, making a low turn-out the key. Since the first round, when 69.8 per cent of registered voters cast ballots and Mr Yeltsin took 35.3 per cent of the vote to Mr Zyuganov's 32 per ceot, the prohas spared oo efforts to remind voters of the violence and terror endured under Communism.

Millions of copies of a propaganda sheet called "Ne Dai Bog" (God Forbid) have been stuffed into people's letter boxes, displaying pictures of Stalin's victims hanging in a public square. Mr Yeltsin can count on the support of the reformist electorates of Moscow, St Petersburg and other large cities, where the beoefits of the transition to a market economy

are most apparent. Even in these areas, some vot-

retired general and law-and-or-der candidate of the first round, into his administration. Yesterday Gen Lebed apologised for remarks he made last week criticising the Mormon church. He caused an international stir when he called Mormons and other noo-Russian religions "filth and scum", and vowed to ban them from Russia. "I didn't ence. He also amended his comment of last week that Russia has only three traditional religions. His ommission of Judaism had alarmed some of

the country's 1.5 million Jews. "When I said those three religions, they were like an exam-ple," he said, "Yes, [Indaism] exists, just like Catholicism."
However, Gen Lebed stuck by his call to ban foreign religions. His remarks followed another startling intervention in the campaign, when Gen Lebed announced oo television on Monday evening that a second Yeltsin term would spell death

for Russian criminals. "We'll shoot people, but reasonably, with minimal losses for the law enforcement bodies, and only those people who refuse to be persuaded. He who shoots first laughs last," he said. With the Russian parliament under Communist domination,

They say Mr Zyuganov will benefit from the support of a hard core of disciplined loyal-hard c a coalition government, led by his Prime Minister, the mildly reformist Viktor Chernomyrdin, but including the

Communists in some portfolios.

If Mr Yelvin chooses this path, it may represent an attempt as much to split the Communists, the bestopposition party, as to heal the political divisions exposed by the election campaign. Should Mr Zyuganov defeat Mr Yeltsin, it is far from clear he would step smoothly into the Presideot's shoes, since Mr Yeltsin's 1993 constitution states that the

transfer of power "should be stipulated by the law". In May Mr Yeltsin blocked a law, passed by parliament, that set out a procedure for hand-ing over presidential power.

Tony Barber



Scoring points: Borls Yeltsin (above) dances to the Zyuganov, plays volleyball



... or a man whose past is too well known

Although he is unlikely to win today's election, millions of Russians will troop to the polls today to support Gennady
Zyuganov io the hope of hringing about the first peaceful
transfer of the leader's power in
1,000 years.

For many, their vote will reflect a heartfelt desire to return to the certainties of the Soviet Union after seeing their liveli-hoods shrivel while watching a small, frequently criminal, mi-oority cash in on the riches of the free market reforms brought about under President Boris Yeltsin.

But whether Mr Zyuganov, leader of a Communist-nationalist bloc, would fuffil their dream is about as clear as the muddy waters of the Moscow River. To the old guard - the poor, elderly and dispossessed - he represents the party that used to protect them. But to others, be stands for quite dif-

fereot values. The portly Mr Zyuganov, 52, likes to boast that he is a volleyball player, but he reserves his best footwork for the political arena. In the last few weeks, anxious to expand his core support of about 25 million votes, he has presented himself as a moderate who is keen to cobhle together a coalition.

His economic plans have more to do with nationalism than Communism. He wants more state investment in industry, higher import tariffs, some fixed prices, tighter coo-trols on foreign loans and better welfare. But he also accepts

a pragmatic apparatchik, more interested in power than ideology, who has some alarming entries on his curriculum vit His signature was among those on the infamous "A Word

of Warning to the People", an open letter that heralded the coup in 1991 by hardliners opposed to Mikhail Gorbachev. He has moved in extreme na-

tionalist circles, and utters vigorously anti-western views (though that is true of most Russian politicians). His en-tourage undoubtably includes some hardliners from the Communist and nationalist camps

Mr Zyuganov has been crit-icised for fighting a lacklustre campaign, although he perked up in the closing few days, sumup in the closing few days, summoning the cameras to watch him dance at a Moscow night club and trying to win over Russia's religious faithful by hobnobbing with the Patriarch of the Orthodox Church, Alexy II, a Valtein supporter.

a Yeltsin supporter.

It is true that he has used few of the Western-style techniques of the Western-style techniques deployed by the Yeltsin cam-paign, who have used just about every trick in the hook – from every trick in the hook — from television commercials depicting the food shortages under Communism or the violence of the 1917 revolution, to homely interviews with the Presideot's wife, Naina.

Somewhat mysteriously, Mr

Zyuganov stopped touring the country after the first round on 16 June, in which he trailed Mr
Yeltsin by about 3 per cent. But
his tours were usually fairly
dull affairs, in which he travelled
from city to city by train delivering much the same speech. That said, Mr Zyuganov's Com-munist-nationalist workers have been extremely active in the regions, from where the bloc

draws the bulk of its support.

Their task was hampered by the huge advantage enjoyed by Mr Yeltsin as the incumbent President. Until his disappearance last week, officially due to a sore throat, Mr Yeltsin dominated the air waves and used his presideotial powers to pass laws by decree. These included a stack of blatant electioneering measures granting money to a disgruntled electorate. Yestarday when comparisoning was a mixed ecooomy, in which private enterprise flourishes.

A key question from the West's point of view, is whether he can be trusted if he comes to power. His record is that of a pragmatic apparatchik, more

newspapers to get his message across. Today will tell whether that has paid off. The polls, never to be entirely trusted in Russia, suggest it will not. But politics is unpredictable here as the dramatic rise of Alexander Lebed and the exodus of four top Kremlin hawks illustrated over the last fortnight. If election-weary Russians decide to spend today's holiday in the country, and the turn-out drops below 60 per cent, the Communist leader may squeeze in.

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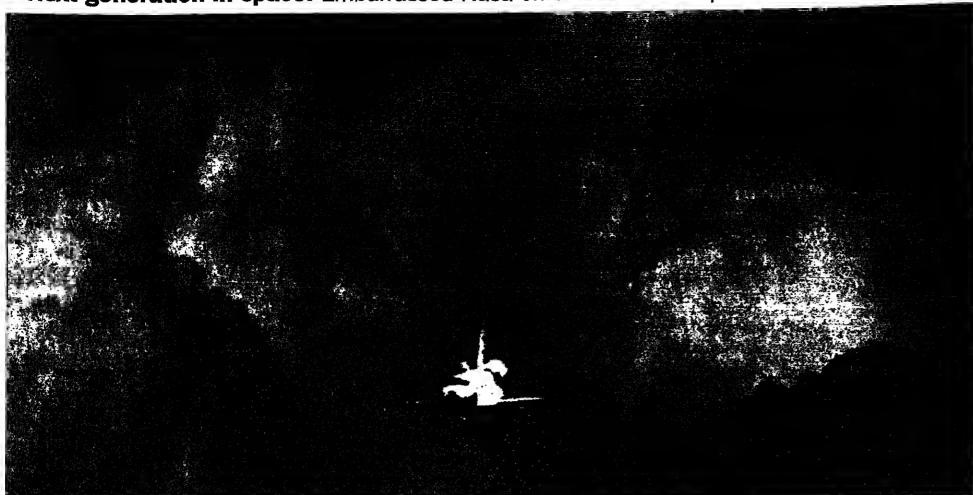
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Next generation in space: Embarrassed Nasa chief looks to recapture technological lead



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US privatises Shuttle production

DAVID USBORNE **New York**

America's fleet of space shuttles is facing replacement by a oew geoeration of privately-operated orbiters that one day might take oot only satellites and scientific experiments into space, but perhaps tourists as

Twenty-five years old and their image tarnished by the Challeoger disaster of 1986, the existing shuttles will be phased out over the oext

On a landmark day for the veoerable Nasa space ageocy, which has maintained complete control over America's space programme since 1958, the

United States government yes-terday turned to private industry to develop a new breed of shuttles with a mission to take payloads into space more efficiently - and, above all, more cheaply - than is possible with existing shuttles.

The move is aimed at regaining what used to be Amerca's unassailable dominance in the business of sending people and equipment into space. In the past decade, Nasa has watched in dismay as almost two-thirds of the world market for rocket laonchings has slipped away from the US to other competitors, especially the European space pro-

Earlier this year, the chief of

of Lockheed Margin and Rock-well International, to take over, Nasa, Daniel Goldin, shocked the US space industry when, delivering testimony oo Capitol Hill, he bemoaned the extent to from October, much of the management of the existing which America had allowed its shuttle fleet.

such as rocket boosters or fuel

(£6,410) per pound. The new

signers of the new rocket is not The entire US space coman easy one. The requirement is for a totally-reusable craft that will be able to go from Earth munity "should hang its head in shame", said Mr Goldin. "We can't go on like this. It's eminto orbit in a single-stage launch, which will involve shed-The drive to privatise Nasa's ding any parts along the way,

by restiveness in Congress over the sky-high costs of the Shut-Above all, however, the oew craft must be cheaper to opertle programme, caused in part by the overriding concern with ate. A single launch of the existing shuttles typically costs around \$500m (£320m), which This year, cootracts have been signed with the United Space Alliance, a joint venture translates to about \$10,000

shuttle will be expected to fly into space at a cost of just \$1,000 (£641) per pound.

"This spacecraft is going to

have to be thousands of times better than the old shuttle," said However, the task for the de-John Pike, a space expert at the Federation of American Scientists. "That is going to be hard to do".

The original contract will be worth \$94 im (£603m) for the development of a single proto-type aircraft that will be half the size of the machine that will eventually fly operationally. The prototype, which is sched-uled to be ready for tests in 1999, will be required only to demonstrate its flying abilities. and will carry neither astronauts

Nasa, meanwhile, has said it expects to be able to keep the existing fleet of shuttles flying until about 2010, by which time their basic design will be almost 40 years old.

Officials emphasise that the new machine must be able to operate in a way that is similar to aircraft of a major airline, with speedy turnaround capa-

As well as competing in the burgeoning market for launching communications satellites, the craft would be equipped to deliver astronaots to a planned international space station and, eventually, even to take part in the space travel industry that is envisioned by some space ex-

SIGNIFICANT SHORTS

A new Vetican document on the family blasted abortion yesterday as a primordial evil that had reached "new depths of depravity" in the United States. The docu-ment by the Pontifical Council for the Family said euthanasia was second only to abortion in contempt for life and condemned efforts to legalise it in North America.

"Abortion is a primordial evil and one of the fundamental problems of our age," said the document, a report on a meeting the council held in Mexico City last month. "In the United States, legalised abortion reaches new depths of depravity and cruelty with such inhuman practices as 'partial birth abortion'." Vatican City - Reuter

German MP said four Western tourists taken hustage Aby Kashmiri rebels nearly a year ago may still be alive. Speaking from Kashmir, Greens deputy Vera Lengsfeld said people in the province said they had seen the hostages recently. Talks between Indian authorities and the separatist al-Faran group broke down last November. American Donald Hutchings and Britons Keith Mangan and Paul Donald Hutchings and Britons Keili Mangari and Path Wells were kidnapped while trekking last July. Dirk Hasert of Germany was captured four days later. A fifth hostage. Norwegian Hans Christian Ostroe, who was taken with him, was found beheaded last August. Bean - Reuter

rench agricultural production has almost trabled over the past 50 years, despite a reduction in agricultural land of almost 15 per cent, according to a new survey by France's official statistics office. The report shows France has increasingly adopted intensive farming methods and yields have risen sharply. Some 4.8 per cent of the population (just over one million people) are now engaged in agriculture io France, compared with only 2.2 per cent in the UK. Mary Dejevsky - Paris

The United States is moving heavily armoured units out of Bosnia and replacing them with military police. and Nato's commander, General George Joulwan, said other alliance forces would soon follow suit. General Joulwan said replacements would be brought in by the end of August by the US, Britain and France, the three main cootributors to the 50,000-member Nato-led peace-keeping force in Bosnia. Taszar, Hungury - Reuter

sraeli warplanes rocketed a Palestinian base in sooth-east Lebanoo yesterday following an ambush on Israeli troops in the occupied West Bank last week. The planes fired four rockets at a base of the Palestinian National Liberatioo Organisation (PNLO), a PLO splimer group, just 4.5 miles from the Syrian border, security sources said. Rashayya – Reuter

president Bill Clinton's lead over his challenger Bob. Dole has slipped, suggesting controversics over FBI files and. Whitewater are taking their toll. According to two pollsy, Mr Clintoo is now alread by 14 or 15 per cent. down from 20 per cent last mooth. Half or more of respondents said they believed Mr and Mrs Clinton did something wrong in Whitewater. Rupert Cornwell - Washington

Shops, businesses and banks worked normally yesterday on the eve of Chad's presidential election run-off, despite an opposition call for a general strike over the first-round results. Sources close to the trades union confederation said it stood by its instruction to members to boycott today's runoff which President Idriss Delw is likely to win. N'Diamena - Reuter

Croatian state television has cancelled its only programme that ran items critical of the Creatiandet. President Prai o Tudiman. Staff of the program "Slikom na Sliku," or, "Frame by Frame," said they had received no explanation. Zagreb - AP

reenpeace's Denmark chapter has fired its leader in Cae cootroversy over the organisation's campaign against Danish eel-fishing in the North Sea. Mats Abrahamson is the first Greenpeace leader to be dismissed. Greenpeace International had campaigned against Danes fishing for sand eels off the coast of Scotland. Many Greeopeace members in Denmark disagreed but Abrahamsoo stuck to instructions from headquarters in London. The Danish chapter decided on Monday to fire him. Copenhagen - AP

FBI arrest militia linked to bomb conspiracy



US police outside a militia member's home in Phoenix

RUPERT CORNWELL Washington

US federal ageots have arrested another suspect in a cootin-uing round-up of members of the "Viper Militia", the far-right paramilitary group in Arizona accused of plotting to blow up government buildings in a scheme uncannily similar to the Oklahoma City bombing of April 1995.

On the basis of evidence thus far released by prosecutors, the group does not appear to have actually carried out any at-tacks. However, a host of signs suggest it is an especially violent and well-armed specimen of the paranoid anti-government groops that have been dragged m to the spotlight over the past

is what prosecutors claim is a vivors tried to escape. 1994 video made by the group amounting to a reconnaissance tour of targets in the Phoenix area - oot only representatives of hated federal agencies like

the Internal Revenue, the FBL the US Secret Service and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, but also buildings housing local law-enforcement bodies such as the Phoenix police, the Arizona national guard, as well as a television station.

A voice-over on the tape describes how each target could be destroyed, complete with details of the buildings' support structures, plans to destroy gas and water mains to hamper fire-fighters and rescuers, and for "anti-personnel" bombs to be planted in nearby mailboxes.

Foremost among these signs These would explode as sur-

Nor was this idle talk. Police say that only two mooths ago, on 1 May, Viper Militia mem-bers claimed to have stockpiled 1,700lb of ammonium nitrate, the same ingredient which, mixed with fuel, made up the two-too truck bomb that wrecked the Alfred P Murrah federal building in Oklahoma City, killing 168 people. On Mooday a six-month un-

dercover infiltration scheme came to a climax with the arrest of 134 people, 11 men and two women. As they picked up the suspects at their homes, police found 400lb of the chemical as well as some 200 guns. A "po-tentially dangerous situation," had been defused, the Attorney Geoeral, Janet Reno, said.

bombing. But the arrests only underscore the appeal of remote Arizona, with its frontier traditions, as a training ground for separatist groups, deter-mined to avenge incideots like the FBI siege at Ruby Ridge, Idaho, in 1992 and the federal agents' assault at Waco the

following year.
Far-right extremists are believed responsible for the October 1995 sabotage of the Sunset Express train as it crossed the deserts of western Arizona. The state was also home to Timothy McVeigh, one of the two men charged with carrying out the Okla-homa bombing. He is due to go oo trial later this year.



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Show us the tables, and trust us to judge

on how well the public are being served by their schools and hospitals are at it again today. Whenever you hear Harriet Harman or Simon Hughes or the National Union of Teachers or the British Medical Association saying "but the data are too complex, you can't capture the subtleties of performance in crude tabular form", note that what they are really saying is: "You, the pun-ters, are stupid." The public, they are arrogantly and patronisingly saying, is incapable of understanding that a partial measure of performance, such as exam success or surgery waiting times, is just that: only part of the picture. They think that you, the customer, assume it is the whole picture. Ergo, they think you are stupid.

Actually, evidence suggests that consumers of public services are rather sophisticated, and becoming more so. They look at league-table information and add it to the scores of other signs as to how well a hospital or school is doing. To listen to critics of tables, you would think the public had never made any kind of three-dimensional judgement. But, of course, virtually everyone makes judgements all the time, using information from all kinds of sources. They include recent form guides in their judgements, but they do not hase their best bet solely on the results of the last race - just as they know you can-

ritics of league tabling as a source of useful information on how well the public are being the writing at the world Cup by looking at where they finished in Euro 96. League tables how to read them, and how not to read too much into them - are part and parcel of the culture. That is one good reason why this innovation continues to be a welcome strand in the national effort to boost public-service performance.

The Department of Health yesterday gave us information on non-clinical performance by hospitals. It is all the more useful for allowing comparisons 10 be made of the performance of the same hospital over time. But, having read the latest tables, people are not going to storm the next meeting of their local health trust and demand that ambulances start arriving quicker. The rhetoric used to sell the first league tables - that consumers of public services would force improvements by taking their custom elsewhere - was misleading. Most consumers are not activists; it is governors who are activists, and only a few consumers want to take on the responsibility of helping to govern schools and hospitals.

The Audit Commission, now in its third year of collecting comparative data on the performance of local authorities, knows how little local people use its figures, in spite of its insistence that they are publicised locally. But the data remain useful. They are scanned by managers, governors, professional bodies and auditors. "Could do better"



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

utives, provided staff are motivated to

Where there is no such "improving community", change is less likely, and comparative figures often have only an academic value. Literally, there are several league tables for universities, some ranking them on research or teaching prowess, others according to spending on books. It is remarkable how little the positions of individual institutions change. For a university to pull itself up by its boot straps and move from, say, the second division to the premiership, is much harder than for a school,

is a vital tool in the hands of good execbecause a school can mobilise local res-

Performance measures of the kind used to compile league tables lead 10 act as confirmation of what managers already suspect. Tables, equally, tend to confirm what the public picks up from waiting room or school-gate gossip.
The data, therefore, need not be too sophisticated. A few broad measures may be all that are oeeded. Intending parents often use a subjective test: a good school literally smells right.

What might the public, if asked, seek by way of performance indicators? A strong criticism of Tory management

down - the Secretary of State or her appointees knows what the public wants to know. That explains why so much weight has heen put on exam results. Important, of course, but rarely the only consideration for parents who, in real life, rely on a web of impressions bedded in the detail of locality and everyday experience with a school.

In that mass of information to which the public deserves access, there is some that needs professional interpretation. Stephen Dorrell yesterday promised to enter the controversial territory of clinical comparison, which could mean setting one hospital's death rate alongside another's. Caution is needed, not because anyone should be squeamish about measuring the survival or recovery rate of a consultant's patients, hut because such figures may lack meaning: a top consultant who only sees extreme cases may have a higher death rate. However, that is not an argument against such measures: well-counselled patients understand these caveats, just as they understand that a school in a deprived area will struggle to do as well

as a school in a leafy private estate.

Next week, the Institute of Public Policy Research brings out a report urg-ing that the Citizen's Charter apparatus be retained if Labour comes to power. The best reason is that, for all the flim-flam and ministerial boasting, charter talk keeps public expectations

high, where they should be. In health, as in other public services, people now have "private sector" expectations of service quality. That is one of the valuable Thatcher legacies. There can be no regretting the pressure on public managers to perform, and carry their staff along with them. Instead of yearning to go back to bad old pre-league table days, professionals and the opposition parties should be offering ways of refining and improving the information available to you, the people who pay the bill.

A Wight way and a wrong way

If it's good enough for Man, Jersey and Guernsey, why not Wight? That's what the island's council leaders seem to think, anyway. They want more control over local taxation, just like the Scots; but they want the power turn the island into a tax haven. Clearly they see a lucrative financial centre in Cowes, stuffed with tax refugees. Why didn't Tony Blair try the same trick? Rather than foist a referendum on the Scots, he could have persuaded them to turn Scotland into a tax haven, too. Perhaps he felt the sight of wealthy Sassenachs tripping off the Edinburgh-Heathrow shuttle to clock up their local residence requirement would be more than a good Scot could bear.

Tony Blair: hardly a dictator'

Sir: There seems a lot of consense talked recently about Tony Blair's "dictatorial" style, based on the grumblings of a minority of malconteots ("Labour leader to crush dissect", 1 July). No party leader enjoys

unanimous support in a democracy. There are always snipers and critics, as well as those offering more constructive criticism. But Tony Blair enjoys more support than any other current party leader, or any past Labour leader. He was elected by the biggest majority of any Labour leader, received backing during the Clause IV debate, is welcomed warmly at party meetings around the country, and 100,000 oew members have joined since Mr Blair

became leader. As to his "dictatorial" style: Tony Blair is the first politician in British history to make his party manifesto subject to the dehate, discussion, and vote of every single party member. This represents a huge exercise in party democracy, giving all members the opportunity for a say: hardly the actions of a "dictator". PAUL RICHARDS

London W6 Sir: Paul Flynn, the Labour MP for Newport West, is wrong to say that oo many areas of policy there are no differences between Labour and the Conservatives. Every single policy put to the electorate by Labour in recent months has been designed with the overall aim of huilding a new Britain with the help of every party member and every British citizen.

Our vision of a new Britain is the opposite of the country the Tories have created over the past 18 years, where the majority have been let down by the Government in order

to protect the privileged few. It is therefore a pity that Paul Flynn does not see the oeed to put all of his energy into reminding the people of our country about this need for change. Instead, he has only managed to present the Tory Government with the opportunity to turn the attention away from the cracks in their tired, discredited administratioo. MARK HOSGOOD Hakin. Pembrokeshire

Sir: Under Tony Blair's "autocratic" leadership, the Wales Labour Party has nine representatives, directly elected by Weish conference delegates, to sit on the National Policy Forum; 10,000 Welsh party members have voted on the party's new constitution, and, for the first time, our manifesio commitments will be subject to the approval not just of an NEC/shadow cabinet committee, but of the party's

national membership.
As a result, the Labour Party's programme and policies at the next general election will more closely reflect the views of the people of Wales, and of Britain as a whole, than will those of any other political party. However difficult this process may have been for a small minority of Westminster MPs to accept, it is a vital part of the transformation of the Labour Party from an unsuccessful opposition party to a successful government. LYNNE NEAGLE Merthyr Tydfil, Mid Glamorgan



Human rights in Europe

Sir: I was interested in the letter from John Priestman, who gave spleodid and long service as clerk to the Council of Europe Assembly ("Sabotage of Britain's role in Europe", 19 June).

He was entirely right to point out that the governments of the founding states provided their defence mechanisms by constraining the powers of the assembly - and by severely limiting its capacity to secure publicity.
This has meant that any laudable action it takes is frequently attributed to Brussels.

It has escaped notice in Britain that the assembly has recently strengthened its capacity to respond to serious breaches of human rights in member states. In future, should there be grave ahuse of human rights, then our parliamentary representatives can mount a more effective challenge to the credentials - and therefore the acceptance - of the delegations from an offending

country. I suspect that when this change of rule was approved some of the nembers of the assembly may not have fully perceived its implication. That failure did not extend to the

British delegation.
Perhaps that development might prove a useful contribution to human rights and, therefore, provide a justification of the involvement of my Labour colleagues and myself. PETER HARDY MP for Wentworth House of Commons London, SWI

Confusion over community care

Sir: Last Thursday disabled people won the right to continuing community care from their local authorities even if these councils cannot afford to provide them ("Disabled win right to have services restored", 28 June). What now appears to be a Catch 22 situation for local authorities still leaves disabled people caught in the middle of a funding mess.

Community care was heralded as an initiative which would support individuals in their own homes according to need. Three years on the picture is one of national confusion. The level and availability of services depends on where a disabled person lives and the rate of charging alters from local authority to local anthority.

While disabled people find it impossible to foot the bill for the community-care system, local authorities may still raise charges to cover costs because of inadequate government funding. Scope, along with other voluntary organisations, is calling on the Government to end its policy of withholding 9 per cent of its grant to social service departments, which again forces local authorities to raise the money at a local level

through charging.
The introduction of charging for services which were previously provided free by the health service has left many people worried about paying for services such as help with bathing, getting dressed or going to the toilet. Scope's own

research of 1,500 disabled people (Disabled in Britain: A World Apart) shows that 17 per cent have had to refuse a service because they could not afford to pay for it.

First-hand experiences of disabled people and their carers show that community care is in danger of failing its original aim to improve quality, choice and efficiency. While we welcome this new ruling, disabled people remain al the sharp end of the system having to fight for services to live everyday lives. RICHARD BREWSTER Chief Executive, Scope

Politicisation of judges

London W1

Sir: Jonathan Cooper of Liberty (letter, 28 June) thinks a Bill of Rights would "reduce judicial activism and not increase it".

It is true that the power transferred lo judges by the establishment of a Bill of Rights may be exercised in an "activist" or in a "restrained" way, and that this will vary over time, as the history of the US Supreme Court shows.

But the central point is that the introduction of a written constitutional document against which Acts of Parliament are tested, and found either acceptable or "unconstitutional", necessarily shifts power over political decisions from elected politicians to unelected judges and makes judges more political. It cannot be otherwise. It is time constitutional

reformers came clean and admitted this.

There is another problem. Mr Cooper must think there is a set of "guaranteed rights and freedoms"
oo a tablet somewhere which we
can all consult and agree upon. A cursory examination of different views on issues such as abortion, capital punishment, or carrying firearms shows what arrant nonsense this is. RICHARD BACON London SW1

Anti-Irish racism is still rife

Sir: It is a shame that Jack O'Sullivan did not step outside the pubs and hostelries of Manchester to research his article into the Irish in Manchester ("If you're hip, you must be Irish", I July). He would not have to go far to find homeless Irish people selling the Big Issue or Irish women travelling into the city to work in low-paid cleaning jobs. The reality for the Irish in this city is that they are largely working class, working in the service industries, if at all, and facing discrimination and deprivation on

a day-to-day basis. Irish people walk the line everyday in this city between acceptance and rejection. Anti-Irish racism is rife, although in recent years many people have refused to accept it and have mounted campaigns locally and nationally against discrimination. One of the main reasons why Irish people are loath to complain is that

they are frightened of coming under the surveillance of Special Branch and of being stopped under the Prevention of Terrorism Act at Manchester airport next time they travel back to Ireland. Even during the ceasefire more than 20,000 Irish people were stopped as they

travelled home. While civic-inspired and brewery-sponsored "Irish weeks" may come and go and Irish theme pubs open and close, it is only wheo the political situation in Ireland is resolved in a just and peaceful way that our community will be accepted.
BERNADETTE HYLAND

Irish in Britain Representation Group Manchester

Search for patriotic spirit

Sir: Bryan Appleyard's contention that St George's day is ignored these days is not universally true ("Yes, I am an Englishman", 27 June). Red roses have appeared in my home on 23 April for as long as I can remember.

I am with Mr Appleyard in his revolt against "dull globalism", but think whining about "being made the scapegoat of the West is unworthy too. A true patriotism admits past imperial wrongs. combats their results, follows our own best traditions and respects the traditions of other nations.

"Your country needs you" is still true – the need is now for a patriotic spirit that will inspire care at home and trust abroad. **IA TAPSFIELD** Wadhurst, East Susser

Sir: Your religious affairs Sir: Your religious arrains correspondent ("Gossip over Brain's Catholic tastes", 2 July) is quite right to surmise that the admission to Catholic communioo of an Anglican married to a Roman Catholic "may well be legal in Roman Catholic terms". Indeed it is, Because the spiritual need of is. Because the spiritual need of some couples to share communion is so great, it is sad that more people do not know that in 1993 the Vatican issued a Directory for the Application of Principles and Norms on Ecumenism which included guidelines for the admission to communion of those who are not Roman Catholics.

Communion in mixed marriages

In certain circumstances, by way of exception, and under certain cooditions, admission to the eucharist "may be permitted, or evco commended" (n.129). The Directory identified the spouses in a mixed marriage who sacrameots of baptism and marriage as in possible need of cucharistic sharing. This sharing is exceptional, and in each case certain conditions have to be fulfilled (n.160).

In the absence of episcopal guidelines, the Catholic minister is to assure himself that in a particular case there is a real oced, a spontaneous request, Catholic eucharistic belief and proper dispositions (n.131). The general guidelines also require that the other Christian does not have access to a minister of his or her own church: the condition is always fulfilled once the need of the couple to share communioo is recognised. An Anglican minister is not usually present when the couple are at mass together.
Pope John Paul II has personally

expressed his "joy" that in certain particular cases Catholic ministers are able to administer the eucharist to Christians in partial but not full communion with the Catholic Church who greatly desire to receive it, freely request it, and manifest Catholic eucharistic faith (Ut Unum Sint, 1995, 46) RUTH REARDON Association of Interchurch Families London SEI

Losses on the Somme battlefield

Sir: Paul Tyson writes that 20,000 British soldiers were killed in a single day at the Battle of the Somme (" What a waste. The biggest mistake ever". 1 July). Later he contradicts himself by writing that 57,470 were killed or wounded on the first day of the Battle of the Somme, 80 years ago. According to AJP Taylor, writing in English History 1914-1945, 19,000 British soldiers were killed on 1 July 1916, the worst ever casualties in the history of the British Army, although he asserts that British losses at El Alamein were nearly as bad in relation to the numbers engaged.

The Battle of the Somme lasted from July to November. AJP Taylor gives British losses in killed and wounded as 420,000, French: 194,000, and German 465,000. According to figures given to the House of Commons in 1921 the total of dead on the Allied side was 3,415,618 and for the Central Powers including Turkey 3,601,690. The British high command was no more profligate in soldiers lives than the enemies. The Americans lost 115,600 dead in the comparatively short time their army was engaged.
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The making of a tennis hero

Tim Henman is a rare British success at Wimbledon. So how do parents bring their children within reach of the sport's holy grail, asks Jojo Moyes

her family live in an old car so her reenage years travelling jacross the country. She had no reconventional schooling, no nchance to make real friends -and no proper home to speak of. Her relationship with her father has now broken down so far that a restraining order was placed upon him.

play tennis.

Jim Pierce may have takeo his ambition to extremes, but there is little doubt that for a young player to succeed in tennis today, their parents need to want it as much as they do, and probably more.

And however much of a sursuccess of the 21-year-old native player Tim Henman, it has certainly been no accident. Henman, back on Wimhledon's centre court today, began playing tennis at three, encouraged by his mother, Jane, who played junior Wimbledon. His grandfather and great-grandmother had also played there.

By the time he was 11. he

was being coached by British champion David Lloyd and has now won at least £100,000 in -prize money. Henman, whose family live in a neo-Georgian house near Oxford, says: *Probably the most important factor from my hackground was that we had a court at home, and I always had some-one to practise with."

Compare this with the experience of Luke Milligan, the fellow Briton he knocked out of Wimhledon last week. Milliran. 19. is a taxi driver's son who dearnt to play tennis at com-prehensive school. He took up tennis seriously just four years ago after he failed tu win a place with Tottenham Hotspur Foothall Club.

His father Jim Milligan works 10 hours a day, seven days a week, to finance his son's tennis career, while his family have sacrificed holidays and other luxuries. Jim Milligan recently told how the family .:had rented a home in Nottingham while Luke was playing there - "and that was our holiday". His other children, Nina, body, has tried to address this 16, Sarah, 15, and Peter, 12 with a number of support (also a keen tennis player) schemes, including the creation

father accompany their brother to her and watch him compete.

Luke Milligan's success is something of an anomaly, as although tennis is gradually losing its élitist image, for serious success on the courts one needs to have a credit rating as strong as one's backhand.

Professional coaching, for example, costs up to £25 an huur, depending on the grade and location. Then there is the use of an indoor tennis court at Mary's father still cannot up to £20 an hour. Multiply understand what the problem is. He was only helping her to nis club membership (several hundred pounds a year), equipment, and theo, once the player starts work on the county and regional circuit, travelling, hotel and entry expenses (don't think you can expect prize money at this level). Now it becomes apparent why there prise the British public finds the are still few Milligans to be fuund at Wimbledon.

Many of Britain's best tennis players never break out of the 100-rankings, so that their prize money never covers their costs, or they become one-season wonders. Among the handful of home-grown successes are Sue Barker, now building a successful career as a commentator, Virginia Wade, John Lloyd, and Jeremy Bates, who was knocked out of this year's tournament in the first round, but may be consoled by the Porsche he has hought.

In the United States, which turns out a high proportion of Wimhledon's entry, young players attend privately owned and operated junior academies where families pay fees of more than £20,000 a year to have their children taught top-level tennis while pursuing their high school studies.

Andre Agassi, Jim Courier, Pete Sampras, Michael Chang and others are all alumni of these schools.

from the National Lottery, Britain may soon have its own hot-house specialist schools, to help less-well-off players to succeed. Even Tim Henman, with his support network, found it necessary to take advantage of the (now abandoned) David Lloyd tennis scheme, which

helped sponsor young players. The Lawn Tennis Association, the sport's governing



edon quarter-finalist (main picture); past glories at SW19 (clockwise from bottom left) John Lloyd, Jeremy Bates, Virginia Wade, and Sue Barker . . .: Photographs: Em Pics/Allsport/David Ashdown/Action NTIL

in 1990 of the Rover Junior Tennis Initiative.

The scheme has identified the need to help as many youngsters as possible and for players to develop within their home environment," said a spokesman for the LTA. Rover pays for things like coaching and court time.

The scheme, which sponsors players for up to £15,000, is currently helping 150 future British hopefuls (now aged between 10-16). But the LTA admits that

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the best way for the players to get onto the scheme "is to show promise at club or county level", both of which require parents to have already served up large amounts of both time

and money. "Parents are always going to have to be committed. Even with these supports there needs to be a lot of parental support both in terms of time and money," the spokesman admit-

But there are other questions of commitment. As the three siblings of Luke Milligan are already no doubt aware, the career amhitions of a young player means that other family considerations often have to take a second ranking.

Mark Winters, a tennis writer who has covered the international tennis circuit for the past 15 years, believes that the amhitions of parents are often the driving force of the young player's success, and that all members of the family can become losers.

"I've seen some abhorrent things. The pareots want to have the next Steff Graf or Pete Sampras. They mortgage their hearts and souls along

with their children's lives," he

"If you looked at the top 10 women players a few years ago eight of them had fathers who no longer had jobs. The women were the sole support of the family, while Dad was 'coach and companion'," said Win-

whiter-than-white teenage tennis star, said in an interview that as a player, like everyone else. she had been incredibly selfish and self-absorbed.

"Part of the reason I wanted to give up tennis was that 1 couldn't bear to think of myself

the former British No 1 and

Often the players are barely past puberty, and ill-equipped to deal with the intense pressure

ters. "The best example of that being like that. I didn't have any is Jennifer Capristi. Her mother, Denise, was a flight attendant and Stefano was an 'eotrepeneur', but you know what that means."

He said hrothers and sisters who were left to tag along were also common fixtures of tournaments. "An example of that is David Pierce, or Stevie Capriati who sat there all day, he says. "Some of these kids just have no identity."

And the special attention given to the player may often be just as damaging to the player as their siblings. Annabel Croft,

friends and I had to think of myself as number one all the

time," she said. According to Winters, the "gift" of being allowed to think about nothing other than their own game led to players who were not just selfish, but "childlike", often well into adulthood.

Where today can you find

people who are journeymen, at best, but with entourages where you have coach, a trainer, somebody who is overseeing travel, just taking on everything that you normally

have to deal with? The only other place you see that kind of treatment lavished on young kids is in the music or movie industry. Of course lots of them are dysfunctional."

Often the players bearing the burden of parental expectation are barely past puberty, and psychologically ill-equipped to deal with the intense pressure. This leads to high levels of burnout. Annabel Croft said she was "desperately unhappy" until she gave up tennis at the age of 21, while Andrea Jaeger and Tracy Austin, both subjected to pressure by ambitious fathers, have both since dropped out of the professional circuit.

In recognition of this, the LTA's age eligibility rules were changed last year to block any-one under 15 from having a computer ranking and to monitor the number of matches played by young competitors. The changes came about partly as a result of the testimony of witnesses, including players, who listed the major stresses on the tour as: 1) parents and family; 2) travel; 3) lonelioess; 4) the media; 5) competitioo; 6)

The ITF has also published

hack to which I gradually

last two English players who did well at Wimbledon also

had names based on jobs:

Roger Taylor and Sue Barker.

So all the people who have that kind of name will identify

with Henman, but he will also

get sympathetic vibrations from other people with names

of animals in their surnames."

Yes, Henman. Oddly, the

steered him again.

booklets giving advice on how to cope. One, entitled Burn-out: The Solution reads: "Burn-out is a modern-day phenomenon. It is the result of outside pressures being placed on talented children to succeed at any cost, whether it be in education, music or tennis.

Despite the hours of sweat and tears, the vast majority of young players will not reach the holy grail of Wimbledon. Many will not even come close. And, even if they do succeed in their investment, parents may find it all thrown back in their faces.

One of the abiding images of the child star Jennifer Caprian is not her flying across the courts, but her police mugshot, taken after her arrest for possession of marijuana in 1994. She reportedly refused to speak to her father for several years after she came off the circuit.

Winters thinks that for as long as parents turn on their television screens and see their children as the next Becker or Graf, it will he ever thus. "Tennis players are dysfunctional, the families are dysfunctional and other kids (* have got no identity, he says. "It just doesn't work,"

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Sporting names to make the feathers fly

Tim Henman's popu-larity at Wimbledon, quite apart from his tennis playing, may well be his name at least, according to Brian Coote, professor of nomenclature at Milton Keynes University.

"Il's a name that many people can identify with," he tells me, as we relax over a double espresso in the college refectory. "Oh, and congratulations by the way on spelling espresso correctly just then. I get so fed up with people call-ing it expresso, as if the name was something to do with its speed of production. It's called espresso because it is expressed or produced under pressure. It couldn't be called expresso, anyway, because there is no letter 'x' in Italian. Although you can never be too sure of these things, because we are always told that there is no letter 'k' in French, yel one of the French players in Euro 96 was called Kiko, which has no less than two of them! Well, I suppose when one thinks of all the

ne of the reasons for names in French history that do begin with the letter 'k', like Kleber and Kellermann ... I'm sorry. Where were

> It is one of the features of Brian Coote's conversations that he gets so caught up in his train of thought that the train can take him miles from home within seconds of departure. To put it another way, he cannot stick to the point.
> "Yes, Tim Henman. Odd

name, Henman. But it means exactly what it says. Someone who looks after the hens. Way, way back in Tim Henman's ancestry is someone who actually did look after hens.

"Lots of people still have names hased on an ancestor's job, and they belong to ooe of the four main groups of surnames, the group which is named after professions. Some of these cames are extremely common - Smith, Carter, Porter, and so on. Most of them refer to quite old professions, so you don't get many surnames like Salesman and Rep, or Photographer, though of course you



Miles Kington

get older versions of those like Seller and Painter. The only names I have come across containing more modern jobs, curiously enough, were Indian names. Do you remember one Indian cricketer called Contractor? And another called Faroukh Engineer? Oddly modern names ... Incidentally, it's also odd how many politicians have these profession-based names. Apart from all the Clarkes and Fowlers and Archers, the leaders too have the same sort of name. John Smith and Thatcher and Major and now. of course, Jimmy Guldsmith ... I'm sorry. Where were we?"

A long way from the point,

Are there any? "Are there any?? My dear boy, they are all over the place! Even the leader of one

of our major parties has an animal's name!" Has he? Who? Let's think ... Not Major, not Blair, nol Ashdown ... Trimble? Is that it? Is a trimble a kind of dog

or something? "Alex Salmond, of course, the leader of the Scottish National Party. The 'd' oo the end is a hit odd. hut that's a salmon all right. Then there's Sir Marcus Fox, and Lady

Buck, and Douglas Hogg, and ... and ..."
Sensing that he was running out of examples, I dug into my

mental showbiz database and came up with James Whale, and Donald Swann, and Ray

Gosling.
"Ray Gosling! Very good!
And Donald Duck, of course! No, hold on, you can't count him. He actually was a duck." By the way, talking of Sue Barker, what was a barker? A fairground barker, that sort of

thing?
"No, no, no. A harker was a kind of tanner, can't rememher why now off-hand, and also a chap who stripped trees, for obvious reasons. Another politician with a job name, by

the way, is Mellor. Really? What did a mellor

"Gathered hooey, of course. Incidentally, looking down the England football leam I see a scattering of interesting professions there. Shearer - man who did the shearing. Seaman - a sailor. And Le Tissier must mean something vocational in French - hand me that French dictionary, dear boy ...

But I had already made an

Two defectors, two press portraits: 'Howarth' as the man of conscience, 'Emma' as the wicked witch. When will women get equal treatment?

omen are treated worse by the press than men—the news will hardly make you choke on your muesli. An influential group of women in print, called Women in Journalism (WI), celebrates its first anniversary by publishing research comparing the press treatment of women and men. Yes,

they find, women are sadly traduced. Their prime example is the defection of two Tory MPs - Alan Howarth and Emma Nicholson. They called her a "wicked witch", "frightful bitch", "menopausal", "vain and sily", "muddled pseudo-feminist" and even "not the first women to fall for Ashdown's charms" (while the Daily Mail, of course, went straight for her private life and found a wronged wife). She was throughout called "Emma". though nobody called Howarth "Alan", a revealing and patronising habit in all the press

- viz Virginia, Gillian aod Harriet. So "Emma" eodured scorn and vindictiveness, jokes about her voice and appearance, while Mr Howarth, though vilified by some Tory papers, escaped any personal abuse, com-

Hero or villain? It depends on your sex

ments on his appearance or investi-gation of his private life. The worst he got was from the Sun: "batty", "hizarre" and "eccentric".

It was not just the tabloids. Consider the magisterial Hugo Young, grand old buffer of the Guardian: "The Howarth Testament insimuates itself into the party bloodstream and will dominate its body politic at Blackpool. (He will be the subtext of all consciences. Other decent Tories should listen to him and wake up)."

But what did Archbishop Young

have to say of the MP of conscience who did listen and wake up? "Emma Nicholson is an admirable woman but not a serious politician. Her defection is a dramatic gesture, gratifying to her personal opinions and fulfilling a psychic need, but it will have the opposite effect from the one she wants to make." Now even if Ms Nicholson's hrain were to be found

inferior to Mr Howarth's, what's all this "psychic need" and "dramatic gesture" stuff? Just up-market code for silly, vain and menopausal. (In case you were wondering, yes, the Independent can be smug. We ran a rousing defence of Ms Nicholson, denouncing her sexist detractors.)

Most news decisions are still taken by men. Eighteen out of the 19 national and Sunday papers are edited by men. Most newsrooms still feel heavily male-dominated, testosterone-driven, with laddishness oozing from the very templates of what makes oews. Much of the sexism runs as if written into oewspaper word-processing programs. Hit the right buttons on the terminal, and out pops "attractive brunette", "fun-loving vivacious blonde", "well-groomed granny" and all the rest of the clichés that diminish women of every rank and profession by com-



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menting on their appearance and character.

So far, so good. All except chauvinist pigs can agree on this. Does it matter? Market researchers tell us that readers detect most of it, as these days they are sceptical aod sophisticated in the arts of deconstructing all forms of bias, sexism and mendacity in journalism and advertising. Perhaps. Though it only takes listening to a phone-io to start

people helicve because they have read them in the papers.

And if readers are so damned clever, why do most read such terrible newspapers? But the mysteries of newspaper buying habits, much brooded on by us and every other organ, do indeed baffle. What makes so many women buy

the Sun, even when they say overwhelmingly that the Sun is worst on women? What makes an intelligent persoo read the near-tabloid Times - because it is dirt cheap, when four other broadsheets offer twice the quality for only a few pence more? But journalists are not allowed to grumble about the readers, any more than politicians are supposed to complain about the stupidity of the voters.

Wheo it comes to standards, Will has a serious problem which it

tearing your hair out at the things acknowledges elyptically. There are now several women news editors and much of the copy is written and subbed by women. The coward march of women through the ranks of journalism has not been marked by a noticeable improvement in fairness. decency or honesty. Quite the reverse. What a blow it was that the News of the World should be the first national

with a female editor - just as Margaret

Thatcher's emergence was not quite

what the sisters had to mind when

calling for more women in nower. Casting a look around the packed room at the last WiJ party, there were a great many influential women: star writers, deputy, assistant and associate editors. They don't run the show - yet - but this group is not a flock of alternative feminists bleating from the sidelines. A leading light is Eve Pollard, former editor of the Sunday Mirror

and the Sunday Express: she is just one of many women now at the heart of the press establishmeot.

So, the question has to be asked: do women bring to journalism any better values than men? If they are no better, who cares if they get their trotters in the trough alongside the lads of the press? Personally I couldn't give a fig if the editor of the Mail was a woman or a man, unless the Mail changed its anti-women and other beastly ways. Many members of Wil may be what they call, mysteriously, "post-feminist" - foot-loose and value-free? I hope not.

Women in Journalism is still finding its feet intellectually. Its leading members are awkwardly aware of the dilemma, as they survey a room full of women who work for every sort of scurrilous rag. How do you build sisterly solidarity out of that? The research they published yesterday takes them one important step into the realm of pressing for higher standards, at least for the treatment of women by the press. Next step a code of ethics for the treatment of

Herbie taught me, then I ate him

Roger Scruton is sure that animals have no rights. He proves this to Andrew Brown

oger Scruton believes that the best way for an animal to die is nor
selection along with "the nameless carp in the pond across the field, the cows next door, and mally to be killed by a larger animal. That is as quick as possible, and almost by definition less painful than the lingering death from starvation and disease which awaits most predators. This is an insight to provoke thought if you let it, so the first thing I asked him was whether his argument from size makes whales the most miserably constituted of all the animai kiogdom.

"Thar's a very good point. In fact I am sure that it is the reason reason why, quite irra-tionally, people consider the hunting of whales to be intrinsically cruel, as our own gov-ernment said it is at the International Whaling Commission. The animal rights position has great plausibility because of the size of the victim. Yet as Moby Dick shows - and it's interesting that the greatest American novel is also a great vindication of whaling - the whalers themselves make a distinctico between virtuous and vicious ways of killing whales. And people who try to solve the question purely by reference to the whale ignore the fact that there are whole human communities that are dependent on it. So you end up with very deleterious human outcomes and possibly very deleterious eco-

logical outcomes." Saying this, he had risen to pace around his farmhouse, and now paused for a moment, groping for an ecological argument. "They eat a hell of a lot of plankton," he concluded. There is oo length to which he will not go in his lust to hunt the the sacred cows of modern

Tall, springy, upright, his red hair sprinkled with grey, he walked with me ocross the fields of his small Wiltshire farm to where his hunters, George, Sam and Rollo, grazed. They appear in the foreword to the pamphiet: "I am indehted to creatures who have no idea of the fact", writes

less carp in the pond across the field, the cows next door, and Herbie, who has now been eaten.

So I asked about Herbie. He was a lamb, belonging to the farmer next door, who was savaged by a fox, rescued and nursed back to health. He became something of a family pet; though this did not stop him being killed and eaten when his time came. This, said Scruton, was an illustration of the proper attitude towards domesticated animals. In a state of nature, the savaged Herbie would have died horrihly from his injuries. That he lived was an illustration of the wider fact that many of the animals in the world today are only alive because humans have hred them and safeguarded them from predation, starvation and disease. "From all: these calamities, animals gain relief and protection, when we decide to offer it," argues his pamphlet. "But this offer is not made without a motive, and we should work to keep that motive alive.

"By eating meat, drinking milk, wearing leather and furs, even by shooting and angling, we may, if circumstances are right, reinforce the desire to alleviate the unkindnesses of nature. And if it be said that we do so only to replace them with unkindnesses of our own, let it also be said that there is a moderation and control in human unkindness of which nature knows nothing."

The slightly ponderous, carefully measured rhetoric of his pamphlet is not at all the way he speaks. In some ways the writing is clearer. But it quite misses the fun of the man. Most philosophical arguments about how we should live give the impressioo that they are conducted by people who wouldn't know fuo if it jumped them over a five-barred gate. Scruton is not like that He believes cootact with nature is proper to people, and so he lives mostly in the country, not



the wilderness, but the green she might in future, for she had English country. At the bottom of his fields is a pond, stocked with carp. I thought when first he said this that they were ornamental, but no, they are ordinary, carp-coloured carp, which he allows serious anglers to fish for. He eats the results.

Although he uoderstands that the buntsman and the fisherman are often sincerely concerned to minimise the suffering of the animals they pursue, does oot think that suffering should be the yardstick of our response to animals. "It is not enough to suffer to gain rights. You can only have rights if you are a person." Animals, he says, obviously have beliefs and

feelings, but they cannot have raconality. I told him about a conversation I had had with Sue Savage-Rumbangh, an American who has trained chimpanzees to be more proficient in symboliclanguage than anyone had thought possible. I had asked her whether she had ever offered her pupils a sign for "beautiful", or for "God", and she said that she never had, but

come to believe they might have a use for them. This did not seem to him interesting, because it could only tell us whether chimpanzees were capable of becoming rational beings. It told us oothing new cowardly or vicious person could do it.' This is not, he says, an absolute test of hehaviour. Cruelty, or callousness, is a hard quality to pin down. "We have a conception of what is or is not cruel. But it varies from

'Animals have no right to be treated in one way rather than another. But it is still wrong to treat them as only a cowardly or vicious person would'

nal being, which he had already

"Language is what allows us to see our own interests as only one among many. The calculus of rights and duties which emerges from this is what really distinguishes us from animals

and makes us persons. "Animals have oo right to be treated in one way rather than another, But it is still wrong to treat them in certain ways. It is wrong because only a cruel or

about the definition of a ratio- context to context. In war ooncallous people do things which only callous people could do outside wartime. Decent people can disagree about what is or is not callous, as they do in the case of angling, or hunting.

But when this happens, the law should not take sides." That does not mean the law should never take sides. He gives the example of bear-baiting, or dog-fighting, which he because parliament concluded

that the pleasure taken in them was oecessarily sadistic, in a way which is not true, for example, of angling. "If there were a sport, exactly like angling except that the fish were lifted from the water and then tortured with hooks to the amused shrieks of the bystanders, we should regard it in quite another moral light from the sport of angling." Although he is in no doubt that catching fish must cause them considerable pain and fear, he points out that this is not the purpose of the exercise. The suffering involved is necessary in that it could be avoided only by destroying the sport."

However, he refuses to express an opinion on bullfighting because, he says, he does not know enough about the facts of the case. Even the Other great Spanish animal sport of chucking donkeys off church towers does not seem to him wholly unredeemed. It is death for the donkey. It may be better than dying of oatural causes. Better even for humans, perhaps, than dying of someThe philosopher on horseback: 'decent people can disagree about what is or is not callous'

Photograph: John Voos

thing natural like cancer. For it is one of the distioctivenesses of Scruton's approach that he almost finds it easier to justify battery farmmg than medical experimeotation. He is not keen on either. Yet hattery farming at least goes to feed people. Medical experimentation serves often to prolong life wrongly. "In comparison with the average farm animal, a human being has a terrible end. Kept alive too long, by processes which nature never intended, we can look forward to years of suffering and alienation, the only reward for which is death - a death which as a rule comes too late. for anyone else to regret it."

more than an echo of the faith in nature which he generally distrusts. The animal rights movement he regards as a polluted form of religion. There is a deficit of real religion in the modern world, but no drying up of the fund of religious emotion. So we get in the animal rights movement a kind of iotemperate collective urge towards the final solution of an

ethical problem." The effortless goading in the use of "final solution" gives ooe a glimpse of how he became famous. He would not treat a bull with the maddening contempt he can bring to his human opposents. Yet he sym-

pathises with what he sees as the religious roots of the animal rights movement. "One of the reasons for it is a revulsion from a wholly exaggerated sense of

This attitude, for him, is an example of "piety: an impres-sion of our smallness and an impression of the other thing's greatness" An arm swings around to encompass the whole valley we stand in. And then he finishes in a great flourish that is an entirely characteristic mix-ture of showing off and showing us the world: "To lose this feeling of piety would put us in conflict with our own speciesnature or species-being as Marx calls it. Our position as modern There is in that rhetoric people is very complicated. I don't deny that. We are, a great many of us, sceptical towards religious doctrine, but this doesn't suffice to extinguish the source of religious feeling. That is one reason why we have to he clear about the issues where this conflict comes to the surface. The worst thing that can happen to us is when people allow religious feeling to flare up in a non-religious form. That explains Nazism and Communism; and I would see something of that in the animal rights movement.

> 'Animal Rights and Wrongs' by Roger Scruton is published today by Demos, £7.95

The White Paper on legal aid brings new limits to access to the courts, argues Patricia Wynn Davies

The Government, as yesterday's White Paper on legal aid makes crystal clear, wants to discourage people from resorting to the expensive

business of going to law.
As Lord Mackay, the Lord Chancellor, put it in a recent speech: "We need to encourage people to take a robust approach to life and accept that not ever knock requires a legal

response. That is advice not to be lightly disregarded. Pursuing even a straightforward claim in the courts is often disproportionately expensive compared to the often disappointing result actually achieved. No, litigation is not for the unwary. And yes, oo one likes hav-ing to pay for lawyers and some peo-ple prefer to drop their potential legal claim and buy a holiday instead.

There is a difference, however, between reaching a decision and having virtually no choice at all. Lord Woolf's civil justice reforms, to be unveiled next month, are designed to make the system more client-rather than lawyer-friendly. Over recent years, large numbers of middleincome people, progressively excluded from civil legal aid by cuts in eligibility, have all but lost that power of choice. They are too well-off to qualify for legal aid, even with contributions to costs from their own funds, but not well-off enough to fund their cases on their own.

Gate to law closes tighter

Far from addressing that problem, vesterday's paper moves in precisely the opposite direction with a proposal to put people on the poverty line in a similar, unenviable position. The Government wants to give people a "stake" in their own cases - and hopefully to persuade them, like the middle-income groups, not to go to law. To do this it would increase contributions to the costs of people bringing cases and abolish the existing protection that unsuccessful assisted people have from the usual rule that losers pay their opponents' legal costs.

Those on low incomes already struggle to pay contributions and are unlikely to risk a potential doubling of their liability, which will be repayable in some cases by years of monthly instalments. As the Government's own research shows - in a report from the Legal Aid Board slipped out a fortnight ago after a lengthy delay - the change will mean one thing: an increase in the number of people who

decline offers of legal aid. That will be music to the ears of Gary Streeter, the new Lord Chancellor's Department junior minister, who has dubbed assisted persons

believes the system is too weighted in. their favour.

The current setup - and some manifestly poor decisions by the Legal Aid Board, which administers the civil scheme - has certainly given ministers plenty of bullets to fire. A string of high-profile names with chequered

The package brings a disincentive for those least able to assert their rights themselves

histories - Asil Nadir, Darius Guppy, Peter Clowes, Roger Levitt - have been beneficiaries of the seemingly bottomless pit that is legal aid,

prompting a clampdown on "apparently wealthy" claimants with substantial assets in bricks and mortar. But let us take another example from the Government's own research: an unemployed man on £63 a week

"state-funded Rottweilers" because he legal aid because he could oot afford a £5-a-week contribution. There are not going to be many

Rottweilers at the bottom of the pile. None of this means that there is no need to tighten the rules. But a tighter test of merit, or as the paper now puts it, "deservingness", alone would have solved most of the problem of waste. Nor does it mean that there is no

costs injustice to some opponents of assisted people, only that the problem could be tackled in another way. Opponents can already get their costs paid by the Legal Aid Board where they would suffer "severe" financial hardship. That test could be softened to allow for hardship instead of severe hardship. That would cost a few more millions than the Treasury would like to spend, but only about 6 per cent of legally aided people (about 25,000) lose their cases. Yet more bureaucracy to extract ever-greater contributions from people of modest means is taking a sledge-hammer to crack a out.

It all began rather differently with last year's Green Paper, when the accent was on improving access to justice. While opposition to the proposed invalidity benefit who turned down introduction of pre-determined bud-

gets - the law's first encounter with rationing - remains, even some of the Government's most ardent critics were prepared to back the ending of the system of paying solicitors hourly rates. Instead law firms and specialist agencies meeting quality criteria would ten-der for block contracts, with cash then being concentrated on the best practitioners. While many solicitors were busy protesting at this latest inroad into their traditional practices, the Government was quietly claiming credit for proposing reforms that

would raise quality. But the support Lord Mackay might have had for his original plans will have been significantly eroded by the final upshot. His earlier suggestion that the existing advice and assistance scheme for welfare cases might be extended to cover representation in a wider range of tribunals has heen firmly stamped upon. The package is supposed to appeal to middle England. But out, too, has gone a suggestion that legal aid be used to finance loans for middle-income groups to bring cases, on condition that they covered the costs of their opponents if they lost. In comes a disincentive for those least able to assert their rights

themselves. The title "Striking the Balance" says it all. And for the poorest people in society, the balance is swinging too far

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Hugh Popham

Perhaps the only British poet of ticipating in the Malta convoy Its selection perhaps says more stature to reflect the experience of young flyers in the Second World War, Hugh Popham went on to write more then a dozen works of fiction and history, culminating in an acclaimed biography of one of the most remarkable admirals in Nelson's

He was born in Beer, Devon, in 1920, the only child of Sir Henry Bradshaw Popham, a Boer War veteran and colonial administrator whose final posting was as Governor-General of the Windward and Leeward Islands. Popham acquired a lifelong passion for the sea during childhood holidays in Cyprus. After schooling at Repton, he studied Law at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, but broke off in 1940 to join the Fleet Air Arm, where he trained as a pilot and was assigned to ooe of the first Sea Hurricane squadrons. He spent a year in HMS Indomitable, par-

of August 1942, possibly the greatest battle ever fought by the Fleet Air Arm.

After breaking his back in an air collision and spending a year in hospital, he returned to first-line flying in a Seafire squadron in HMS Illustrious. He completed his sea service as batsman in escort carriers on

Arctic convoys.

Popham devoted much of his spare time during war service to writing poems, and his first collection. Against the Lightning (1944), woo the John Lane / Bodley Head Poetry Prize. Two more books of verse followed in quick succession, so that by his mid-tweoties he had already published a substantial body of work.

One section from the long eponymous poem "Against the Lightning – a Poem from an Aircraft Carrier" was selected by Philip Larkin for The Oxford Book of Twentieth Century Verse.

about Larkin than Popham, for the tone is notably more colloquial and Larkinesque than most of Popham's verse. In spirit he was a Georgian: his masters were Hardy, Housman and Flecker, and there was a rhapsodic lyricism about his descriptions of the world as seen from the cockpit of a fighter that was unfashionable even when his poems first appeared, yet richly sensuous and full of charm.

The death in labour of his wife and twin babies soon after the war, and a coruscating lecture from a literary critic on the failings of his verse, sent his Muse into hihernation. He moved to Barbados when his fa-ther died, married again, taught English at a grammar school

and designed and built houses. Returning to Britain three years later, he relaunched his literary career: the first of four oovels, Beyond the Eagle's Rage,

appeared in 1951, followed by Sea Flight (1954), a vivid war memoir which has been in and out of print ever since. The most receot edition was published by the Old Ferry Press, the imprint set up by Popham and his last wife, Mary. It was timed to co-incide with the restoration at Duxford Air Base of the last surviving Sea Hurricane, 27015

- a plane which Popham actually flew during the war.
A bewildering variety of books now sprang from his pen. In 1957 he published Cape of Storms, a gripping account of deep-sea trawling. A trip to Jamaica as carpenter on a 70ft fishing boat, which ended in a mutiny, inspired a splendid children's book, Monsters and Marlinspikes (1958), and pro-vided the germ for another novel, Sea Beggars (1961), about the plight of sea-borne refugees unable to find a country that will take them in. When an almost identical incident hit the news-

papers. Sea Beggars became a hest-seller

A journey around Spain on a moped provided the research for another novel, The Shores of Violence (1963), while a derelict house oext to the family home on Richmond Hill suggested his last novel, The House at Cane Garden (1966). A humorous book about his secood passion. gardening, Gentlemen Peasants (1968), failed to bring in the an-ticipated windfall when the cartoonist Thelwell trumped it

with a book on the same theme. But the sea and things nautical remained Popham's main preoccupation: when he was not flying about the Solent with his family in an ancient 18ft sloop or making tiny, immaculate models of tall ships (his model of HMS Victory is still displayed in the bowels of Cutty Sark) he was writing books on maritime themes. Into Wind, a history of British naval flying, was published in 1969, and 10

years later, with his fourth wife. Robin, he edited the sailing journals of Erskine Childers, under the ottle A Thirst for the

After the post-war hiatus, Popham resumed writing poetry, and continued to do so for the rest of his life. A recent example, "St Ives", appeared in the Independent in May. He was a skilful ghost-writer oo oumerous memoirs, ootably Queen of the Head Hunters (1970), the autobiography of the last white Rance of Sarawak. But Popham's most enduring literary achievement may well prove to be his last book. In the emotional vacuum that fol-

lowed the death of his wife

Robin, he quite suddenly set about turning himself into a

proper" historian. Prompted by a casual sugestion, he began researching the life and career of a distant retative. Sir Home Riggs Popham, an admiral at the time of Nelson, who invented the flag-signalling system (enabling Nelson to transmit his famous message at Trafalgar), crossed the South Atlantic and seized Buenos Aires on his own initiative (for which he was courtmartialled) and was an intimate friend of the Tsar of Russia and the first black King of Haiti.

John Keegan wrote in a foreword. It is a great mystery why no life of Admiral Sir Home Popham has previously ap-peared" – but oone had, so Popham was obliged to spend long weeks poring over primary documents in the British Museum. He found this task utterly absorbing. The book that resulted was both immensely authoritative and immensely readable. As Richard Ollard wrote in the Spectator, the fact that Home Popham's life had remained previously unwritten "turns out to be a fortunate dispensation of providence, as Hugh Popham has made a first-

class job of it, bringing out with fairness, lucidity and wit, the virtues and talents . . . of a naval officer whose career is

certainly stranger than fiction. In the febrile climate of London publishing in the 1980s, however, Popham's biography, A Damned Cunning Fellow. failed to find a home. So he and Mary set up the Old Ferry Press, and published it them-selves in 1991. The book was a runner-up for the Marsh Biography Award in 1993, is still in print, and is shortly expected to go into profit. Its eventual warm reception, and Mary's love and creative companionship, made the final years of his life happy and richly rewarding.

Peter Pople

Hugh Henry Home Popham, poet and writer born Beer. De-von 15 May 1920; five times married (one son, one daughter, and one son and one daughter deceased); died Tywardreath.

A dream of recreating C.R. Ashbee's Guild of Handicraft in Italy; Helen Ashbee worlding in her studio at La Bufofaria di Alessano

Helen Ashbee

C. R. Ashbee, "architect, designer and romantic socialist as Alam Crawford so aptly suhti-tles his great 1985 biography, only wanted soos. What his wife Janet (who never disappointed him in any other way) gave him was four daugh-ters. Helen Christabel was oumber three and, because she was beautiful from the start, he

We were all born in Chipping Campden in Gloucestershire and then, because of "CRA" s getting a job as "Civic Adviser" in the Mandate Government of Palestine, we spent four years of our childhood in Jerusalem. When, in the early Twenties, this job eoded, we all returned to Britain. All of us four girls were artistically or musically inclined and, after ordinary school, we were all trained in various artistic fields. Heleo started professional life as a musician, after studying viola and piano at the Royal College of Music in London.

She was first married to an American Rhodes Scholar astronomer, Thornton Page, with whom she left for America, but when the marriage ended her second partner was an Ital-ian painter, Christofanetti, and she theo switched to textile designing and returned with him 10 Europe.

Only later after his premature death did she find her true métier: "abstract" sculpture and related jewellery, for which she always did a great many

preparatory drawings.
On her return to Europe, she lived in Paris, but because of "Chris" there were always Italian connections, and after his death she was less happy in France; with her last partner, Arno Maodello, she finally found a place in southernmost Italy that really appealed to ber.

The wild surroundings of this, her last home in Puglia inspired her, and the land around the ruined huffalo stables which she converted into a civilised and characterful house is dotted with large pieces of her abstract sculpture, most of which have a strangely half-human character.

With Mandello, a photogra-pher of Alsatian Jewish descent (who died a few years

ago), she settled there in 1969. claiming that the olivestudded, rocky landscape and blue skies reminded her of our Palestinian childhood. At La Bufolaria di Alessano, near Ugento, she had a dream initially of recreating her father's Guild of Handicraft, of bringing a group of workers to-gether who – combining their skills as artists, poets, writers. musicians, artisans, agricultur-alists - might build a small interdependent "community".

Helen Ashbee's sculpture is represented in various contioental museums, and galleries. since she worked exclusively in France and Italy. There is none in Britain, as she never lived or worked there again after her marriage, returning only to visit family.

Felicity Ashbee

Helen Christabel Ashbee, sculp tor and jeweller: born Chipping Campden, Gloucestershire 24 December 1915; married Thornton Page (one daughter; marriage dissolved), secondly "Chris" Christofanetti (deceased); died Ugento, Puglia 15 June 1996.

Margot Hemingway

Margot Hemiogway's father beauty would never be a success Jack once said, "If Ernest Hemingway had had a daughter, Margot is what he would have wanted. She's very womanly. She has a true capacity for suffering and for enjoying and for

Her career as an actress and fashion model seemed inevitably shadowed by that of her grandfather, the author and literary legend Ernest Hemingway, who shot himself on 2 July 1961 while cleaning his gun: indeed the Hemingway family had seemed marked by suicide, Ernest's father, sister and hrother also taking their own

Margot Hemingway appeared to he bound for a brighter course, and in 1975, aged 19, after hanging around Hollywood as a wayward minder for George C. Scott's daughter Devon, she embarked on a career as a fashioo model. Her career seemed to reach an apogee of sorts with appearances on the covers of both

Time magazine and Vogue. Her first agency, Wilhelmina Models, opined that the 6ft-tall ly tweezed her eyebrows, but later the same year, after switching to the Eileco Ford Agency, Hemingway was selected as Faberge's "Fabulous Babe", the symbol of the company's oew perfume, achieving the largest single solo fashion advertising

cootract to date. Sooo Margaux Hemingway's face was everywhere (she reportedly changed the spelling of her name from Margot to Margaux when she learned that her parents conceived her after drinking a bottle of Château Margaux). The New York fashion artist Joe Eula called her features "the photographer's ideal". She was certainly the face of the Seventies, and unsurprisingly, like many before her, she found her way into the movies, playing the leading role in a Dino De Laurentiis-Freddie Fields exploitation film, Lipstick (1976). Anne Bancroft co-stars in the expensive Paramount feature with a semblance of gloss, but it suffers from a particularly gruesome plot, involving Hemingway as a

raped fashioo model who blows away her assailant before he can go to work oo her younger sister, played by Margaux's own younger sister Mariel, also making her screen début.

Mariel's career went on to thrive and she later worked for such directors as Woody Allen and Boh Fosse, but Margaux languished after Lipsuck. The film proved unfortunately that her thespian talents were limited, and her film career lurched downhill. She appeared in a Italian horror flick set in Brazil, called Killer Fish (1979), in which she was given fourth billing and appeared to have filmed her sequeoces m isolation from the other second-string movie stars (including former model Marisa Berenson). After that came such little-seen gems as They Call Me Bruce? (1982), a vehicle for the Korean comedian Johnny Yune, described by the critic Leonard Maltin as "unfunny [and] frequently obnoxious", and Over the Brooklyn Bridge (1984), second-billed as Elliott Gould's shiksa, who causes his

money to open a restaurant. The latter was her best screen part, and she looked good, but audiences staved away, and it was back to cheap international exploiters like the Spanish film Killing Machine (1986) with Jorge Rivero and an elderly Lee Van Cleef and others of lesser ilk that barely surfaced, like

Deadly Rivals (1992) and Love is Like That (1992). After these unseen epics she changed her oame back to the one she was born with, but she seemed a tormented soul, and reports started filtering through of drug problems and alcohol dependency. She had a spell in the Betty Ford Clinic, her weight rose to 14 stooe, and in 1992 she made an unforgettable appearance on the BBC television programme Fighting Back, revealing her uphill struggle with bulimia and admitting to being "obsessed with death, as was my grandfather".

In January 1995 she was committed against her will to a psychiatric clinic after being rushed to hospital by Idaho police after a reported week of "hizarre and dangerous hehav-

iour". She had returned from a self-seeking trip to India and had begun to believe she had healing powers, attempting to force the devil out of people's heads. Revelations of loogterm epilepsy and a history of abuse as a child were laid bare

to the public. Margot Hemingway did leave a legacy as a result of her work. when the California legislature passed what became known as the "Margaux Hemingway Resolution No 109", prohibiting the meotioo of a rape victim's sexual history during trial. Thus the storyline of Lipstick had a resonance its creators could never have foreseeo, and the Californian Bar Associatioo duly presented Hemingway with a Citizenship Award in recognition of her role.

Tony Sloman

Margot Hemingway, actress and model: born Portland, Oregon 1 February 1955; married 1975 Errol Wetson (marriage dissolved 1978), secondly Baron Bernard Foucher (marriage dissolved); died Santa Monica, California c30 June 1996.



Pawela Mason, actress and author, died Beverly Hills 29 June, aged 80. Married to the actor mes Mason for 16 years (they divorced in 1964), she appeared on his televisioo show in the 1950s, presented talk shows in the 1960s, and acted in the courtroom drama Accused and My Wicked Ways - The Legend of Errol Flynn (1985). She also wrote several advice books. Dmitry Pokrovsky, folk singer,

died Moscow 29 June, aged 52. In 1973 founded the dozeostrong Pokrovsky Singers, who performed Russian peasant music in Russia and abroad, using traditional instruments and wearing village dress.

Steve Tesich, playwright and screenwriter, died Nova Scotia I July, aged 53. Wrote scripts for Eyewitness (1981), The World According to Garp (1982) and Breaking Away, for which he woo an Oscar in 1979.

Baldev Singh Chahal. cam-paigner, died 5 June, aged 59. In the mid-1970s successfully campaigned for legal exemptions for Sikhs, who wear turbans, from wearing crash helmets. Sir Arthur Snelling, diplomat, died 25 June, aged 82. High Commissioner in Ghana 1959-61 and British Ambassador to South Africa 1970-72.

Births, **Marriages** & Deaths

DEATHS

POPHAM: Hugh, peacefully at home on 30 lune, husband of Mary and fa-ther of Peter and Amanda, Funeral off, Friday 5 July at 1 pm at 5 Anlowed by cremation. No flowers please, but donations if desired to Amnesty International.

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Birthdays Miss Evelyn Anthony, author, 68; Mr Michael Brown MP, 45; Sir Bernard

Burrows, former diplomat, 86; Mr Robert Crawford, Director-General, Imperial War Museum, 51; Mr Tom Cruise, actor, 34; Sir William Deakin, former Warden, St Antony's College, Oxford, 83; Sir Eric Franklin, former Indian civil servant, 86; Mr David Gandolfo, raceborse trainer, 58: Mr Neil Gerrard MP, 54; The Hog Sir Eustace Gibbs, former Vice-Marshal, the Diplomatic Corps, 67; Sir Richard Hadlee, cricketer, 45; Mr Carlos Kleiber, conductor, 66; Lord Lester of Herne Hill QC, former chairman, Runnymede Trust, 60: Mr Iain Macdonald-Smith, yachtsman, 51; Vice-Admiral Sir Hugh Macken-zie, 83; The Very Rev Dr William McMillan, Chaplain to the Queen in Scotland, 69; Mr Michael Martin MP, 5t; Professor Michael Oliver, cardiologist, 71; Miss Susan Penhaligon, actress, 46; Mr Ken Russell, film director, 69; Baroness Ryder of Warsaw, founder of homes for the disabled, 73; Mr Geoffrey Sammons, former senior partner, Allen & Overy, 72; Dame Heather Steel, High Court judge, 56; Mr Tom Stop-pard, playwright, 59; Sir John Swan, former premier of Bermuda, 61; Sir John Waite, a Lord Justice of Appeal, 64; Mr Edmund Wallis, chief execu-

Anniversaries

Paul Young, actor, 52.

Births: Robert Adam, architect and designer, 1728; Leos Janácek, composer, 1854; Franz Kalka, poet, 1883, Deaths: Marie de Medici, Queen of France, 1642; Joel Chandler Harris, author and creator of "Uncle Remus", 1908; Rudy (Hubert Prior)

tive, PowerGen, 57; Sir John Wills,

Lord-Lieutenant of Somerset, 68; Mr

Vallee, singer, 1986. On this day: Licinius was defeated by Constantine at the Battle of Adrianople. 323; John Logie Baird made the first colour television transmission, 1928; the Four-Power occupation of Berlin began, 1945; France proclaimed the Baroness Faithfull, of Oxford, chairindependence of Algeria, 1962. To-day is the Feast Day of St Anatolins of Constantinople, St Anatolius of Laodicea, St Bernardino Realino, St Helidorus of Altino, Saints Irenaeus and Musticla, St Leo II, Pope, St Ru-

mold or Rombaut and St Thomas the

family to refuse to loan him

Lectures

National Gallery: Stella Gambling, "The Danube School (i): introducing the Danube school", tpm. Victoria and Albert Museum: Susar Morris, "Charles I: king, connoisseur and collector", 2.30pm. Tate Gallery: David Sylvester, "Curriculum Vitae: autobiography of an art critic", 6.30pm.

Baroness Stedman

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Baroness Stedman will take place in the Chapel of St Mary Undercroft, Palace of Westminster, at noon on Thursday 18 July 1996. Those wishing to attend are requested to apply for tickets to: The Rector's Secretary, Room 18, 1 Lit-tle Cloister, Westminster Abbey, London SW1P 3PL, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope. Tickets will be posted from 10 July.

Mr James Arthur Thomas Jewel Marsh (Jimmy Jewel), of London tate valued at £555,769 net.

Mr John Derrick Mordaunt Snagge, of Dorney, Buckinghamshire, the broadcaster, left estate valued at £563.978 nel.

man of the All Party Parliameotary Group for Children and President of the National Children's Bureau since 1984, left estate valued at £531,057 oct. After personal bequests of £140,500 and effects, she left a sculpture to St Mary Magdalep Church, Oxford; £10,000 to the Faithfull Foundation, £5,000 to the Post Adoptioo Centre, London NW5; one-quarter of the residoe each to Barnardo's, Barkingside, and the Caldecott Community, Mersham le Hatch; one-quarter of the residue equally between Reseals Leigh equally between Bessels Leigh School for Maladjusted Children near Abingdon, Talbot Heath School Bournemouth, the Family Courts Campaign, Birmingham Settlement and the Conciliation Council, Swindon; and one-quarter of the residue equally between the Church Army at Lucy Faithfull House, Oxford, the Si-mon Community, Oxford, Oxfordshire Conciliation Service, St Mary the Virgin Church, Oxford, Cruse Bereavement Care, Barnardo's NSPCC, Parent Line, Crossroads, the Alzheimers Disease Society, and the British Dyslexia Association, all to henefit their Oxford branches, and the Gracewell Institute, Moselcy, Birmingham.

Sir Geoffrey, James Warnock, of Mariborough, Wiltshire, Principal of Hertferd College, Oxford 1971-88, and Vice-Chancellor of Oxford University 1981-85; left estate in the UK (other than his literary estate) valued

ы 128,662 псі. Mr Peter Ellison Male, of Ascot, Berkshire, Ambassador to Czecho-slovakia 1977-80, left estate valued at £1,074,486 nct.

Asylum seekers had priority need for housing

Royal Borough Compail and others, ex parte Kihara and others; Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Neill, Lord Justice Simon Brown, Lord Justice Waite) 25 June 1996

The poverty and resourcelessness afflicting certain asylum seekers now deprived of all benefits by operation of the Social Security (Persons from Abroad) Miscellaneous Ameodment Regulations 1996 was in law capable of constituting them 'vulnerable" for an "other special reason" within the meaning of section 59(1)(c) of the Housing Act 1985, so as to out them in priority need of

accommodatioo, The Court of Appeal al-lowed appeals by Joseph Kihara, Telekeja Ilunga-llunga, Dragomir Pavlov and Lidya Araya against the decision of Mr Justice Popplewell, on 18 April 1996, refusing their applications for judicial review of decisions by, respectively, the Royal Borough of Kensington and Cheisea, the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham, the City of Westminster and the Loodoo Borough of Islington, that the applicants, though homeless, were not in

priority occid of housing. in the m Section 63 of the 1985 Act 59(1)(c). imposes a duty on local hous- Richard Drabble QC and Stephen

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ing authorities to provide accommodation in an applicant whom they have reason to believe may be homeless and in priority need. Section 59 states:

 The following have a priority need for accommodatioo . . (c) a person who is vulnerable as a result of old age, mental illness or handicap or physical disability or other special The applicants were all asy-

lum seekers who had been denied social security benefits pending determination of their asylum claims. They applied to the authorities for housing on the basis that they were "vul-nerable" by virtue of a "special reason" oamely their inability, having no income or capital and having been denied benefits, to pay for housing.

The judge took the view that "other special reasoo" was to be read with the words that went before it and construcd ejusdem generis. Financial impecuniosity was not of the geous of "old age, mental illness or handicap or physical disability" and therefore did not constitute "vulnerability" within the meaning of section

othy Straker QC and Clive Jones [City Solicitor) for Westminster. Lord Justice Neill said "vulnerable" meant vulnerable in the context of a need for housing. The ejusdem generis rule had no application for the purposes of construing "other spe-cial reasoo". This was a

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free-staoding category which, though to be construed in its context, was not restricted by any notion of physical or mental weakness other thao that inherent in the word "vulnerable" itself. The word "special". indicated that the difficulties faced by the applicant were of an unusual degree of gravity, and were such as to differentiate the applicant from other homeless persons.

Financial impecuniosity by itself was not a special reason within the meaning of section 59(1)(c). But it would be unhelpful and unrealistic to decide this appeal on the basis that the vuloerability of the applicants

was to be attributed to financial impecuniosity viewed in

The words "other special reasoo" permitted an exami-nation of all the personal circumstances of an applicant for accommodation. These circumstances would include, but were not limited to, their physical or mental characteristics or disabilities. One turned therefore to the

personal circumstances of the applicants. One could take as ao example Miss Araya, a native of Eritrea who sought asylum. She had no capital or income. She was prohibited from obtaining employment and so had oo opportunity of earning any money. She had no family or friends in this country. According to Shelter, she had no knowledge of the English language. Apart from any emergency accommodation made available to her, she was homeless.

Her situtation was clearly not unique, but her vulnerability marked her out from the great majority of homeless people. The situation of the other applicants was similar. They were in priority need of accommodation for an "other special reason" within section 59(1)(c).

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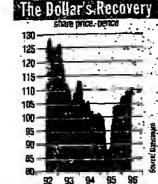
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US economy buoyant as dollar passes ¥110 barrier

DIANE COYLE Economics Editor

The dollar hit its highest level against the yen for two-and-ahalf years yesterday, passing the psychological barrier of ¥110 as the Federal Reserve began

a two-day policy meeting. Even though most analysis do not think the Fed's open market committee will raise US interest rates after the meeting ends today, the strength of the economy means the next move is likely to be an increase Further evidence of the huovancy of the American sales to the highest level since economy was provided yester. April 1986. They jumped 7.5



per cent in May, following a 5.9 per cent increase in April.

leading indicators rose 0.3 per cent in May. This was the fourth increase running in the index, which is meant to signal the strength of activity during the next six months.

However, Fed officials bave

been signalling that it is too early to be alarmed about the resurgence in growth, as infla-tion remains firmly under con-trol. Most of Wall Street therefore expects the increase in interest rates to be postponed, possibly until after No-vember's presidential election.

er cent increase in April. terly meeting gave the US cur-In addition, the index of rency a further boost, ending vesterday with a signal that Japanese interest rates would not yet climb from their all-time low. Bank of Japan governor, Yasuo Matsushita, said: The recovery needs to gain further momentum and spread wider to

become self-sustaining." Traders said nerves about the oulcome of today's second round of voting in the Russian elections was also helping strengthen the dullar.

A minurity of City economists helieve there is a chance that the Chancellor Kenneth

rates by a further quarter point after this morning's meeting with Eddie George, governor of the Bank of England.

Although it is only a month since the last cut, by a quarter point to 5.75 per cent, evidence that the economy is gathering pace could make it harder to justify another reduction in

"The Chancellor has got the bit between his teeth," said Geoffrey Dicks. UK economist at NatWest Markets.

The Bank of Japan's quar- Clarke will reduce British base more than half-a-pfennig to end at DM2.3759.

According to market rumour, there has been a lot of speculative buying of the pound in recent weeks. However. Bronwyn Curtis, an economist at Deutsche Morgan Grenfell, said there was also a entine switch by investors in favour of sterling.

The currency moves follow the weekend's communique from the Group of Seven finance ministers, describing recent exchange rate develop-The pound nevertheless ments as "positive and promis-strengthened alongside the dollar yesterday. It rose by misalignments were "detri-

mental to trade and growth". This left the currency markets puzzling over whether the ministers sought a further climb in the dollar's value against the ven.

The dollar has gained nearly 2 per cent against the Japanese currency in the past month, and is 36 per cent above its April 1995 record low of ¥80.63.

It had reached ¥110.07 by late morning in New York, up from the previous day's ¥109.68. The Dow Jones index was more than 25 points lower at 5704.86, partly reversing

Manday's 75 point leap. Comment. page 17

Fresh storm for water chiefs

MAGNUS GRIMOND

Yorkshire Water's beleaguered management yesterday ran into a new storm of criticism after an internal study concluded that they were not paid enough.

The recommendation threatens to rub salt into the wounds of customers who are still facing a hosepipe han and the prospect of another drought-ridden summer and comes after hefty criticism of the group's management by Ofwat, the industry's regulator, in the wake of last year's water shortages.

The company's remnneration committee, chaired by Christopher Honeybourne, concludes in the company's latest annual report now going out to shareholders that top pay rates are "significantly out of line" with other parts of the industry and with the market in general. Following a shake up at the group. Kevin Bond, chief executive of Yorkshire Water Services, is now one of the two most senior executives, earning £127,000 a year.

Yorkshire said the report would be discussed at the annual meeting on 25 July. However. the company has regarded its pay rates as being at the bottom of the league compared with other utilities. It is understood that the aim is to introduce a long-term bonus scheme "in the fullness of time", though no proposals will be put to shareholders at the annual meeting.

But the plans immediately came under attack. Sheffield Labour MP Helen Jackson, who chairs the all-party group on the water industry, claimed: Customers and the workforce will be absolutely astonished with this conclusion.

Pete Bowler of the campaign group WaterWatch angrily rejected the report's conclusion. You don't need to be a brilliant captain of industry to run a monopoly. You have to be absolutely bloody incompetent to run a water company at a loss." Both Mr Bond and new chairman Brandon Gough seemed happy with their salaries on joining the group in recent

Growing concerns: Controversial deal to create the world's most powerful airline grouping is being investigated again **BA-American** alliance faces MPs' inquiry

MICHAEL HARRISON and PATRICK TOOHER

An influential cross-party committee of MPs is to launch an investigation into British Airways' proposed alliance with American Airlines amid growing concern about the impact of the deal on competition across the Atlantic.

The inquiry, by the Com-mons' Transport Select Committee, is the fourth probe into the deal since BA and American unveiled their hugely ambitious plan last month, forging the most powerful airline alliance in the world.

The tie-up is already being examined by the Office of Fair Trading in Britain and the United States Justice Department. Today EU transport commissigner Neil Kinnock and competition commissioner Karel van Miert will announce that alliances between American

News of another inquiry into Richard Branson's Virgin At OFT later this week.

lantic rejected the creation of an independent tribunal to protect smaller airlines against uncompetitive behaviour from a BA-American alliance.

The proposal is expected to be put by the British Government negotiators during bdateral talks with their US counterparts which began in

Washington yesterday.

But the idea was quickly dismissed by Virgin. BA's only UK-based long-haul rival. "To link the creation of an independent tribunal to a deal with American Airlines that gives BA 60 per cent of the transatiantic market to and from London is not something we are in favour of," said Virgin spokesman Will

There should be some form of mechanism to promote competition and look after con-sumers' interests." he added. "It's long overdue. We've been the deal, along with five other ever since BA's dirty tricks cam-

paign four years ago. The latest enquiry by MPs comes as BA prepares to subthe proposed deal came as mit its formal response to the

It will argue strongly that the alliance, under which BA will pool revenues and services with American, will mean greater

competition and lower prices. Critics, led by Mr Branson, claim the two airlines' dominance of transatlantic traffic in and nut of London will allow them to unfairly dominate the

market. The Transport Select Committee, chaired by Sir Paul Channon, a former Secretary of State for both Transport and In-dustry, will take evidence from BA, American and Virgin next Wednesday. The rival US car-rier, Delta Airlines, will give ev-idence the following Monday.

And a transport minister, obably the Secretary of State George Young, will also be called before MPs. The committee intends to complete its investigation before parliament rises for the summer recess at

Robert Ayling, BA's chief execulive, yesterday rebutted the claims made by Mr Branson and insisted the alliance would bencfit competition. "This is not a consumer issue because it is ab-



does Britain want to be a major competitor in the global airlines system or not. We can

take it with both hands or we can miss the boat.

He also described proposals

solutely clear they will be bet- for an independent tribunal to it stands should be referred to feeted by parallel talks going on "imaginative". But the tribunal would protect smaller airlines from any future abuses by BA and American of their dominant position whereas the OFT is ex-

Commission. Mr Ayling forecast that the deal would result in BA and American having a smaller share of a larger market.

The impact of the alliance on competition will inevitably be af-

ton to strike an open skies deal across the Atlantic. If the talks succeed it would give more US airlines greater access to BA's hub airport at Heathrow. Comment, page 17 | months, he added.

Boots invests £300m in four-year growth drive

NIGEL COPE

Boots is to invest £300m in its Boots the Chemists chain over three years. Boots said it is planthe next four years in a move that will see a marketing push for health and heauty products and new stores added in seven different sizes.

The company also announced a second trial of its Advantage, "smart card" loyalty ti-media kiosks will be introscheme, though would not commit to a national roll-out. The investment programme is

part of Boots' strategy to ungiene. derline the strength of the Boots brand and differentiate it from high street rivals. it follows a period which has

seen the supermarket groups expand aggressively into toiletries and health and beauty products while adding pharmacies to stores. The strategy is designed to

prevent the kind of market share erosion suffered by WH Smith after the supermarkets cus on sunescreens and other grahbed market share in books. magazines, music and videos.

We recognise the threat of the supermarkets. It is time to move the game on." said Steve Russell, managing director of the "added value" of the Boots

In the company's first presentation on its core business for ning a major refurbishment for cluding 18 in central London Pharmacy sections will be

rc-designed adding areas for medical advice "booths". Mulduced to provide more information on product areas such as skincare and oral hy-

A dozen new edge of town sites will open in the next two years. A further 240 sites have been identified for small stores, of which 40 will open this year. The number of outlets at Heathrow Airport will be doubled from four to eight.

Other stores will be tailored to their local market, such as "travel" stores at airports and railway stations, which will fotravel and holiday-related items . All 1228 stores will be tailored to a specific format in the next

It is also intended to reinforce

pharmacy offer at a time when Asda is mounting a continued attack on the price of non-prescription medicines.

Boots made no announcement on its international expansion plans though a move into Holland had been rumoured. Boots will open its first branch in Dublin in the Au-

Though the company is considering opening stores in continental Europe its ambitions may he limited by legal restric-

Boots plans to build a portfolio of "power brands" to add to its No 7 cosmetics range and Soltan suntan lotion. The Natural Collection range of toiletries will be built upon.

The Advantage loyalty card trial which was launched in 13 stores last October in the Norwich area will now be complemented with a second trial with

a lower rate of discount. Boots said the participating stores enjoyed a sales uplift of 3 per cent, enough to make the

Few analysis have changed their profits forecasts and the shares edged 3p ahead at 587p. I revenue, the spokesman added.

London copper trader suspends staff in Tokyo

amining whether the alliance as

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The first cracks within the Londnn copper market in the wake of the £1.2bn trading losses incurred by Sumitomo Corporation began to emerge yesterday after Rudolf Wolff, a highly respected member of the London Metal Exchange, announced that it had suspended three of its Tokyo staff.

Rudolf Wolff yesterday refused to give any further details of the suspensions, which fol-lowed the spectacular tosses forced on Sumitomo by its rogue copper trader Yasui

A Wolff spokesman said: Naturally we are co-operating, as are all brokers who have had any dealings with Sumitomo, with the appropriate regulatory authorities.
"We have 130 years of tradi-

uon behind us and Rudolf Wolff would never tolerate any behaviour which is not impeccable." The problem, if there was one, was isolated to the Tokyo office where Japanese business accounted for less than 4 per cent of all Wolff's world-wide

terday: "I think this sort of news scuppers claims that Hamanaka acted alone in his unauthorised dealings. This is something not just confined to our Japanese friend."

Another source said: "I would be surprised if this is the only set of suspensions and interventions by big firms that we are likely to see. Hamanaka was working with too many people for this to be a isolated case."

The suspensions followed news of expanding inquiries mto the Sumitomo scandal in the United States, amid growing concern that the company might know more than it was telling UK and US investigators.

One report in New York suggested the US market regulator. the Commodities Futures Trading Commission, was ready to issue a formal complaint against Sumitomo if the company continues to block its investigations.

Regulators and fraud investigators want to know how far Hamanaka might have acted alone or whether there may have been a price-rigging cartel. On Monday, the FBI entered the world-wide inquiry by

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A London trader said yes- demanding telexes, faxes and other documents linked in Sumitomo and Hamanaka from David Threlkeld, the Vermontbased metals trader who first tried to blow the whistle on the Japanese dealer in 1991.

Mr Threlkeld said the FBI request was probably linked to a grand jury probe by Manhattan's US Attorney's Office into Sumitomo. A trader, Global Minerals and Metals Corporation, bas already been subpocnaed to give evidence.

Last month. Vincent Zuccarelli. a former Commodity Exchange (Comex) independent trader, filed a class action complaint against Sumitomo and Hamanaka. and also against two US traders, Global and Birch Brokerage. The complaint alleged they manipulated Comex and LME copper mar-kets to levels higher than they would otherwise have been.

Fears that the scandal may spread to include other firms in Japan, the US and the UK helped to depress copper prices yesterday, which fell below the threshold of \$1,900 before consumer bargain-hunting kicked in to lift it back above that level.

Head resigns as CS Holdings cuts 5,000 jobs

NIC CICUTTI

A row within the board of CS Holding, the Swiss banking giant, hurst into the open yesterday as Josef Ackermann, president of its Credit Suisse subsidiary, resigned due to "dif-fering views" on the same day as the bank announced a worldwide restructuring exercise involving 5.000 job cuts.

The restructuring of CS Holding, which is number two in Switzerland after United Bank of Switzerland and the parent of Credit Suisse and CS First Boston, will cost SFr1hn £500m). The bank will change its name to Credit Suisse Group in January next year.
At the same time, CS Holding

chairman Rainer Gut, who courted controversy by suggest-ing a merger with rival UBS bare-ly three months ago, will remain chairman of the new group. CS Holding declined to enlarge on the reasons for the de-

parture of Mr Ackermann, who had been president of the exccutive board at Credit Suisse and a member of the CS Holding board, Lukas Muehlemann, who successfully restructured Swiss

Reinsurance, will leave his chief

executive's post there to take the helmal the restructured Credit Suisse Group.
The hank added that the job losses, including 3,500 in Switzerland, will happen over the next two to three years and

will take place mainly by nonreplacement of staff who leave. At the end of 1995, CS Holding and its subsidiaries had a workforce of almost 24,000 in Switzerland and a further 10,000 operating world-wide.

in a key move, the group will be divesting non-core activities, chiefly a 44.9 per cent stake in Swiss engineering and electricity group Elektrowatt. The proceeds from its disposal will go towards the restructuring costs. at the end of 1995.

CS shares rose sharply in early trading on the Zurich bourse after the announcement yesterday morning.
Analysts welcomed the an-

nouncement as a big step towards transparency and focus from a company whose current mixed character bad prompted some caution among investors. Christoph Bieri, at Zurich Kantonalbank, said: "It is an extremely far-reaching restructuring that is very modern, the

Swiss Bank Corporation] are moving in." Under the plan announced yesterday CS Holding will be realigning its businesses into four specialised and autonomous

same direction that the other

two hig Swiss banks [UBS and

The new divisions will be created from the group's existing financial companies - Credit Suisse; Swiss Volksbank, a Swiss domestic bank; Bank Leu, the private banking unit; Credit Suisse Financial Products and New York-hased CS First

Boston. The four new units will be Swiss domestic banking, worldwide private banking world. wide asset management and world-wide corporate and investment banking.

The company estimates the new structure, which will take effect on 1 January 1997, will slash annual costs by around £350m. From 1998, the plan will & boost annual revenues by about the same amount.

"By this move, CS Holding will change from a Swiss bank with international activities to an international financial institution with beadquarters and certain core businesses in Switzerland," the company said.

CS Holding, which is regularly ranked among the world's leaders in market activities such as bond issues or equity trading. had total assets of SFr412,7bn



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What's all this talk about counterparties? This is supposed to be a PEP isn't it? You know the things invented by

These claims really are too good to be true

eration of PEPs now being marketed, however, which come pretty close to breaking this old taboo, so much so that they are generally referred to its property close to breaking this old taboo. "money back guaranteed bonds". It is perhaps unfair to pick on the HSBC PEP Plus to demonstrate the perils of these products, for it is just one of many and it actually holds out the prospect of a better return than a good few of its competitors. But we have the

prospectus so here goes.
The HSBC PEP Plus is an offshore investment trust which promises to grow your money over five years in line with the FT-SE 100 share index. In addition it promises a 33 per cent bonus on top. In the event that the market falls, you get your money back. Sounds almost too good to be true, doesn't it, and indeed it is. According to the marketing material the product will "outperform any rise in the the FT-SE 100 Index" and will offer the product will always to the state of the product will be seen to the product will be s offer "100 per cent return of capital after five years". In the unlikely event of the FT-SE t(0) index falling over five years "investors will receive a full return of their capital - not 95 per cent, or 90 per cent, but 100 per cent".

This is about as close as you ever get to a guarantee in investment products, but lamentably it is not what it seems. The small print of the prospectus has a section on shares". Oh dear.

But hold on a mo. What's all this talk about counter-parties? This is supposed to be a PEP isn't it? You know - the things invented by Nigel Lawson to encourage direct investment in the stock market? Isn't counter-party risk all to do with derivatives? Well yes. This PEP actually puts your money into a mixture of zero coupon bonds. CDs, FT-SE 100 call options etc, etc. Only don't talk about it too much or the Inland Revenue and others (ie an incoming Labour Government) might see it as the final straw and use it as an excuse for cracking down

on the PEP industry as a whole.

One final thing, In most circumstances, you would actually be better off putting your money into a conventional tracker fund than this "guaranteed PEP". This is because the HSBC PEP Plus offers you only the capitat growth on the FTSE plus 33 per cent, not the total return including dividends. A rough back of the envelope calculation reveals that as a result, the market would have to rise by more than 70 per cent over five years to beat a conventional tracker, or fall by more than 25 per cent.

Both these things are possible, but if his-tory is anything to go by they are highly unlikely. Needless to say, the prospectus

at BA's bidding

It's an odd thing about British Airways, but Lit has always regarded the Government as a 100 per cent owned subsidiary at its beck and call. Privatisation and the onset of a lim ited amount of competition in the skies has failed to shake the airline in its belief that its own interests and those of the British people are one and the same thing.

To some extent this is an understandable

thing, for in the airline business the term "national flag carrier" continues to mean something; landing rights are still jealously guarded national properties, carved up on a bilateral basis between national airlines. All the same, at a time when ministers and British Airways alike pay lip service to the idea of free competition and open sides, you would have thought it might have occurred to them that these days they might not always be batting on the same side. But no. The Department of Transport continues to trumpet the interests of British Airways as if Virgin, British Midlands and others never existed.

This is nowhere more apparent than in negotiations now taking place to allow British Airways to set up a code sharing arrangement with American Airlines. The US won't grant anti-trust immunity for the

Never use the term "guaranteed return".

In the state of thumb traditionally applied by those selling investment products, for investment and guarantees are two things that very rarely mix. There's a whole new generation of PED.

There is a possibility of a counter-party defaulting, it tells us, in which case "no guarantee is given express or implied that shareholders will receive back the amount of their investment in this. But then if you pointed these things out, you might never sell a PEP.

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Government is still doen't mention this. But then if you pointed these things out, you might never sell a PEP. skies policy with the US melt away, there's a flurry of activity and Sir Colin Marshall's poodles in government are jetting over to Washington to hammer out an accord.

So desperate is the DoT to do BA's bidding that it is now prepared to consider set-ting up an "Offair" to protect the interests of other airlines on the transaltantic routes. an initiative always resisted in the past. It would seem that the DoT is prepared to offer almost anything to get this monstrous new monopoly up and running. We exager-ate the position, of course, but there is something mighty suspect going on here. Nor-mally even the timest airline deals are referred by the DoT to the Civil Aviation Authority for analysis. Not, apparently, in this case. It can only be presumed that the DoT thinks the outcome potentially too embarrassing to risk.

Keeping the dollar high will be tough

Davies

warns on

inflation

control

Low inflation must remain Britain's top economic priority

whether or not sterling enters

a single European currency in 1999, Howard Davies, deputy governor of the Bank of England, stressed yesterday, writes

Mr Davies also indicated that

there was a strong case for giving the Bank independent sta-

tus irrespective of whether

Britain fully embraced eco-

nomic and monetary union. Whatever the outcome, it

was essential that Britain was prepared and that meant, above all, keeping a tight control over

monetary policy and inflation.
"In principle, the UK could

prosper outside or inside. Our

prosperity depends on the com-petitiveness of our businesses

which, in turn, depends crucially

on our productivity across the

whole economy. We believe that that productivity can best

be developed most effectively in

an environment of low infla-

tion," he told delegates to the

If sterling were part of a sin-

gle currency, it would put even

greater emphasis on industry to

control costs because devaluation

BCC's annual conference.

Michael Harrison,

The dollar has finally cut toose from its lengthy association with the adjective "weak". It climbed above the symbolic ¥110 level yesterday, consigning last year's lows around 780 to the dustbin of history.

Nigel Lawson to encourage direct investment in the stock market'

deutschmark, are now round about where their governments want them. The "orderly reversal" of the US currency's nosedive against the other two that G7 ministers called for in April 1995 has been accomplished, Japanese and German exporters are no longer in extreme pain they were hut US exporters have not yet started complaining about the dollar's rise.

The problem is going to be sustaining this pattern. If the dollar strengthens further ahead of the US election in November, there will be a real danger of trade tensions. If it falls again, the tentative recoveries in Germany and Japan will be set back. The chances of keeping the key exchange rates roughly where they are now will depend partly on expected movements in interest rates. These look as though they will support the dollar at above Y110. The US economy is gathering steam while the recoveries in Germany and Japan continue to took fragile. The odds are that German and Japanese rates will remain low until the autumn and probably longer. On the other hand, the Federal Reserve will raise US rates, election or not, if the strength of the American economy

shows any sign of triggering wage pressures.
Keeping currencies at the right level is an even more nerve-wracking business than moving them away from the wrong one. Getting the dollar up from its lows was the easy hit. Keeping it where it is will be the real test of exchange rate management.

Chambers of Commerce: Business leaders agree to block 'back door' employment policies

Bosses back Government on EU's 48hour week

MICHAEL HARRISON Birmingham

Business leaders yesterday pledged to back the Government in its campaign to obstruct Brussels if it seeks to impose a

Brussels if it seeks to impose a
48-bour working week on
British industry.

The move is set to heighten
the stand-off between Britain
and its EU partners over attempts to introduce social legand its EU partners over at-tempts to introduce social legislation by the "back door". Ministers intend to play for

time hy refusing to move on an imminent ruling from the European Court of Justice, requiring Britain to implement the EU working time directive, which is being introduced under health and safety legislation.

lan Lang President of the Board of Trade, yesterday told the British Chambers of Commerce annual conference in Birmingham that the Government would seek to resist the encroachment by the court on Britain's affairs and the "subterfuge" being used to impose the working time directive.

Rohin Geldard, president of the BCC, said business would a list of 87 further measures to support the Government's extend the role of works coun-

favour of hreaking the law but the EU is effectively introducing this legislation through the back door and that is precisely the sort of thing it should not be doing. We would support the

cial legislation, warning that it would undermine competitiveness, but backed the idea of a single European currency.

Under the working time directive, employers would have to allow rest breaks after six hours' work, four weeks' paid holiday, a maximum eight-bour shift for night work and at least one day off a week.

Graham Mather, president of the right-wing European Poli-cy Forum and an MEP, said the European Commission had already abused its powers in the way the working time directive was introduced and the European Parliament's social affairs committee was now drawing up



Defiant: lan Lang says he will resist Brussels' 'subterfuge'

and include labour clauses in public works contracts. He urged Britain not to join a single currency in 1999 and

said the message from the con-ference to Brussels must be: "Yes to competitiveness and employment, no to the Social Protocol."

However, Geoffrey Martin, head of the European Com-mission in Britain, said that the

Businesses oppose pre-election tax cuts

debate over the social chapter had been overtaken by events. for arguing that Britain could operate as effectively outside Europe as part of a free trade Both sides of industry were now sitting down to evolve and agree on a European social model while one of the aims of the Inter Governmental Conference would be to allow "fier-

the Eurosceptics and their supporters in the right-wing press

He said a single currency was now seen as an togical and necessary addendum to a single market, with enormous implications for Britain whether it

would not be an option to shield uncompetitive comp If Britain did not switch to the euro then there would be an even greater obligation on it to achieve lower inflation because of the interest rate premium it

would otherwise have to pay. "Some argue that this points to the need for establishing independent status for the Bank outside the euro area, just as such a status is required by the treaty inside it. There may well be strong arguments for that. I couldn't possibly comment."

Mr Davies said the Bank believed some countries would have the "greatest difficulty" in meeting the convergence criteria but that some form of EMU in-

volving a core group was likely. The Bank stood ready, he said, to give practical advice to the business community on the transition to single currency because "in or out we may all have to learn to live with the euro".

IN BRIEF

 Digital Equipment yesterday unveiled a restructuring plan that will eliminate 7,000 jobs worldwide over 12 months. The com-pany blamed a decline in sales in Europe and pressure from falling personal computer prices in North America. The announcement which will entail a one-off restructuring charge of \$425m, was accompanied by a warning that earnings in its fourth quarter will come in significantly below current estimates. Revenue for the quarter, which ended on 29 June, is also expected to be helow last year's level. The bad news came one day after the surprise resignation from the company of its number two executive, Enrico Pesatori, vice president in charge of its personal computers di-vision and Digital's operations in Europe and Asia.

 Richard Branson is understood to have agreed plans to build replicas of his latest US-based Virgin Megastore, which opened two months ago on New York's Times Square, in two Disneyworlds. one in Florida and the other outside Paris. The decision, reported in the New York Post, could also lead to a broader alliance between Virgin and Walt Disney. "We're both in the entertainment business and there are a lot of opportunities for us to work together," Ian Duffell, president of Virgin retailing, told the paper. Mr Branson has apparently been spurred into exploring expansion plans by unparallely high responses at the Times Square sion plans by unexpectedly high revenues at the Times Square store, which covers 75,000 square feet and includes a book shop, a cafe, a video department as well as the traditional CD, tape and record divisions.

 Orange said it had doubled its subscriber base to 573,000 in the 12 months to June, giving it 9 per cent of the market, and said it was adding customers at an average rate of about 30,000 a month. Vodafone, the mixed analogue and digital operator, said it had added 106,000 subscribers in the second quarter of 1996, compared to about 85,000 at Orange and 70,000 at Cellnet. Orange shares closed 5.5p lower at 219.5p after some analysts described the subscriber figures as disappointing.

Investment column, page 18.

 GE Capital, a subsidiary of US giant General Electric, said last yesterday it was buying ComuNet, Germany's biggest information and technology company, with annual sales of DM1.4bn. Fol-lowing investments in the US, Canada and Australia, GE Capital becomes the world's largest provider of desktop and network computer services, the company said. CompuNet supplies 1,500 German companies and government organisations.

 Jersey moved a step closer to introducing a law that would protext accountants and other professionals from being made per-sonally bankrupt if their firms were sued for negligence when its parliament narrowly approved the preamble to a bill creating limited liability partnerships. However, it postponed discussion of the detail of the tegislation, developed with the help of accountancy firms Price Waterhouse and Ernst & Young for large firms registering on the island, possibly until later this month.

• A survey of independent financial advisers showed optimism for the future of unit trusts and PEPs at an all-time high, with general business confidence also at record levels. Over 50 per cent of the IFAs interviewed said their unit trust and PEP businesses had increased substantially over the last few months.

 Cheltenham & Gloucester, the mortgage tending arm of Lloyds Bank, yesterday became the latest to join the initiative led by Bradford & Bingley Building Society in redncing the availability of its cash-back and discounted home loans. C&G said that its 3 per cent cash-backs or first-year discounts would only be available to applicants with a personal deposit of at least 25 per cent, up from 10 per cent as before.

 Cookson Group, the international industrial materials group, has acquired Camelot Systems, a US maker of automated liquid dispensing systems used in a variety of industries, including electronic assembly, semi-conductor, medical and automotive applications, for a maximum £65m. In 1995, Camelot made profits of \$7.7m (£5m).

 Independent Car Anctions has declared its takeover bid for Central motor auctions unconditional in all respects after receiving acceptances for the offer amounting to 58.96 per cent.

tion on companies. Ambar Paul, chief executive "A nice cut in income tax duced into a tax-cutting Budmight look tovely but it is not get which we cannot afford," of the metals group Caparo Industries, called on the justified by the economic figures and would do damage to

The Government was warned yesterday against pre-election tax cuts by business leaders fearful that they could wreck the stable economic climate being enjoyed by companies, writes Michael Harrison.

Robin Geldard, president of the British Chambers of Commerce, told the national conference that it was essential politicians kept their heads and did not succumh to elec-

toral bribes as the election

We certainly do not wish to see economic prudence cast to the wind for the sake of politicat expediency and we urge the Chancellor not to be sehe told delegates in his open-

and if the Government wanted the support of the small and medium-sized businesses represented by the chambers it should resist the temptation to

cut and run. ing address. what is the most stable eco-nomic background we have business vote was important background we have

ernment wanted to do something on tax it should simplify the way the tax system was administered to reduce the "terrifying" burden of regula-

ible cooperation" in the way

member states introduced stan-

dards of social protection. Earlier Mr Martin criticised

Government to help bolster the country's manufacturing hase. He gave a warning that

He added that if the Gov- it was too small to generate the wealth needed to sustain standards of living despite the improvements made in productivity. To help industry, Mr Paul

said the Government would have to ensure a stable cur-rency, education and training in engineering skills, compulsory language training in schools and enhanced investment allowances.

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Lloyd's set for profits of over £1bn

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Lloyd's of London, the troubled insurance market, is poised to announce profits of more than £1bn for the 1993 underwriting year, the first since its losses began to mount in 1987, according to Chatset, the independent

In addition, Lloyd's names will receive an extra £400m released by Equitas, the reinsurance res-cue vehicle, of reserves from the closed years up to 1992, giving total returns of £1.4bn.

However, the additional £400m release by Equitas was yesterday condemned by the Lloyd's Names Associations Working Party (LNAWP), the names' umbrella organisation. Christopher Stockwell, a

LNAWP spokesman said the ternal estimates had suggested will be £1.184bn minus agents' money rightfully belonged to profits of up to £900m, against fees and commissions of £53m. 1992 names, many of whom had been frozen ont of being able to underwrite the following year by the huge reserves they were having to create.

This blatant discrimination between names causes windfall profits for the agents and fortunate names who were able to carry on at the expense of those who were badly hit early on," Mr Stockwell said.

"To ignore the position is unreasonable and leaves the arrangements vulnerable to judicial review," he threatened

Lloyd's is expected to announce its preliminary "global" results for the 1993 underwriting year on July 12. Earlier in-

higher estimates by Chatset. Charles Sturge, a director at return to 1993 names of 15.8 per Chatset, said yesterday that his cent. Among the better returns,

organisation's figures were simply estimates and had not yet been validated: "But we think they are a reasonable account of what will be announced." Chatset's estimates suggest that the "pure result" for 1993,

made up of underwriting and in-

estment profits less expenses,

This implies an average total syndicates operating in the ma-rine market returned averages of more than 20 per cent, with many rising above 25 per cent. Among non-marine syndicates, some are likely to benefit even more from the Equitas

reserves being released to 1993

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Berkeley builds on its reputation

housing market guru. The managing director of upmarket housebuilder Berkeley went substantially liquid just as house prices were riding for a fall. During the subsequent five-year property slump Berkeley bucked the sec-tor trend, delivering a period of profits, earnings and dividend growth

backed by a cash-rich balance sheet. ·Results for the year to April continued this enviable run. Pre-tax profits rose 15 per cent to £43.4m on turnover 18 per cent higher at £334m. Earnings per share advanced a more modest 11 per cent to 34.8p, held back slightly by the dilution of February's £73m rights issue.

The secret of Berkeley's success lies. as with any good property business, in "location, location and location" and the company is benefiting from a trend towards the small town and city centre sites it specialises in.

The bulk of its business is building executive-style homes, often with joint venture partners such as large land-owning utilities such as Thames Water, in and around London, a region which has seen the biggest house price rises in recent months. Projects in the capital include schemes in Barnes, Hampstead and near St Paul's Cathedral.

As the chart below shows, 80 per cent nf the 1.560 bnmes sold last year went for at least £100,000. The average selling price rose from £190,000 tn £208,000, reflecting a shift towards more expensive homes rather than any significant upward movement in house prices, which are growing at about 4 per cent a year.

So much for the good news. Given Berkeley's impressive track record, when Mr Pidgley warns that activity in the housing market could stagnate in the run-up to the general election, com-mercial rivals and potential house buy-ers alike should take notice.

Assuming the Conservatives leave going to the country until the last possible moment next May, Berkeley reckons it could lose up to two months of sales worth £60m due to uncertainty about the election outcome and its consequences for interest rates and consumer confidence.

But Berkeley is cautinus, and net reservations in the first two months were up a fifth on the same period last year. Whether Berkeley can maintain its momentum as political uncertainties increase remains to be seen, but with £35.6m of cash in the bank, it is better placed than most,

Merrill Lyach looks for pre-tax profits this year of £56m rising to £66.5m in 1997/98. That implies a PE ratio

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0.04m (4.7m) -0.2p (1.8p) 0.48p (0.32p)

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27.3m (24.6m) 24.66p (20.06p) 7.3p (6.56p)

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1.01m (1.24m) -0.26m (-0.43m) -10.4p (-17.3p) nil (nil)

Tony Pidgley earned a reputation in the late 1980s for being something of a THE INVESTMENT COLUMN the FT-SE 100. At the same time, some investors are betting that Vodafone has

for mobile phones are the rate at which

companies attract new subscribers.

how many subsequently disconnect from the service (chum), and how

much they spend on their phones. Six-

teen million users are forecast for 2005,

so the market is plainly there and the

question becomes, which operators will carve out a profitable market share?

Orange still looks impressive. There

was particularly good news on the churn front, which has dropped from 18.1 per cent to about 17.6 per cent

since last year, the best performance

among the mobile operators. Vodafone, by contrast, is stuck at 25 per cent and Cellnet at 28 per cent. Orange has also

held ground on revenues per sub-scriber, which are static at about £440

a year. For Vodafone, the figure has dropped to £484 from £520, for Cell-

The figures suggest that Orange has signed up a better class of user reasonably heavy users, who pay on time.

So why the share-price drop yesterday?

Part of the answer lies in the normal

volatility seen when a stock goes into

net, from £403 tn £391.

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falling from 16 to 13 with the high-flying shares closing 3p better yesterday at 617p. The executive homes market. may not look so ciever a year from now, so that is probably high enough.

Orange still has a bright future

Subscriber figures from two of the four mobile-phone operators, Vodafone nn Monday and Orange yesterday, provoked quite different reactions. Vodafone, which afters analogue and digital services, added 106,000 net new subscribers in the second quarter of 1996, and the shares gained 3p. Orange, the

and the shares gamed 3p. Orange, the all-digital start-up, doubled its subscriber base in the 12 mnnths tn June but saw its shares drop 5.5p to 219p.

Orange has actually performed roughly in line with expectations, taking a 9 per cent market share by the end of June. It expects to take this tn 11-12 per cent by the end of the year, in keeping with its own forecasts, if lower than some of the more bullish ones.

begin to take on the lessons of Orange - excellent marketing, brand loyalty - and have switched to the market leader. New industries are notoriously difficult to analyse. The only real indicators

One day, mobile phones will look like any other price-sensitive commodity. Until then there is a good run to be had if investors choose the winners. Orange is likely to be one and probably didn't deserve yesterday's fall.

Marston scales up the risks

Marston, Thompson & Evershed has been one of the steadiest performers in the brewing sector throughout the in the brewing sector throughout the 1990s with earnings growing at a solid if unspectacular pace. Throwing off a steady stream of cash has meant share-holders have enjoyed double-digit dividend rises for years and the shares have risen accordingly to yesterday's 332p. Figures for the 53 weeks to the end off March produced more of the same.

A 12 per cent increase in turnover to £171.6m translated into an 11 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £27.3m. Earnings per share, up 4 per cent to 20.9p, covered the full-year dividend of 7.3p

a healthy 3.4 times. In the core brewing operation. Marston's premium bitter Pedigree suf-fered along with the rest of the cask ale sector from the introduction of so-called "smooth", creamy-head nitrokeg beers. Pedigree's 5.7 per cent sales decline to national account customers, however, was a better showing than the 8 per cent average fall

registered by its rivals.

Difficult trading in brewing was nicely counterbalanced by a 25 per cent rise in retail profits driven by food sales in the 234-strong managed pub estate.
The focus with Marston, though, has shifted from the group's steady un-derlying trading to an ambitions ex-pansion plan which started last week with the acquisition of the Londonbased Pitcher & Piano bar chain for £20m. With only seven sites so far, that price looks extremely full, confirming anecdotal evidence that the scramble to jump on the branded-bar bandwagon

is leading to some pretty fancy ratings.

David Gordon, managing director, is already gearing up for another ac-quisition so investors will be forgiven for worrying that the company's risk profile has increased by a sizeable margin. On forecast profits two years out of £32.5m, the shares stand on a forward p/e of 13. High enough given the uninspiring growth and higher risks.

Pensions Board bikers in power struggle

CITY DIARY

JOHN WILLCOCK

Try as I might I cannot imagine that sitting on the Occu-pational Pensions Board (OPB), though worthy, can provide much excitement. In the middle of advising the Government on pensions issues, two members of the OPB have formed an unlikely

On the one hand there is Robin "Chopper" Ellison, a partner of law firm Hammond Suddards, who commutes to the City from Hamstead on his powerful motorbike, a maroon Honda ST 1100 Pan European. Coming in fast come from Cambridge is Martin "Ton Up" Slack of consulting actuaries Lane Clark & Peacock, who sports a BMW

K1100 SE. Mr Slack lets himself down slightly in the "Easy Rider" stakes, however - his bike is an actuarial grey.

The air is thick with monar boards and flapping gowns as industry heads return to their business schools to collect a shower of honorary gongs. First off the mark today is Terry Leahy, the man set to succeed Sir Ian MacLaurin at the helm of Tesco next year.

Mr Leahy renums to UMIST's Manchester School of Management to receive the first Alumnus of the Year Award. Tomorrow it's the London Business School's turn, as 400 masters' graduares pick up their scrolls alongside Honorary Fellows Sir Richard Greenbury, chairman and chief executive of Marks & Spencer and Sir Colin Marshall, chairman of British Airways.

orary Fellows from last year, Tim Parker of C&J Clark. will not be attending. Presumably he is too busy overseeing the redundancies of 1,400 employees.

Another of last year's recipients, Martin Sorrell of WPP,

One of the LBS's Hon-

is also unable to attend despite being a Governor of the LBS. Mr Sorrell has missed his chance to discuss his massive incentive scheme with Sir Richard Greenbury.

A key to the executive loo has traditionally been proof that you've made it. Bravo, then, to Ray Milne, newly appointed director of corporate pensions at Guardian Financial Services, the life and pensions arm of GRE.

The baby-faced Mr Milne, at 36 Britain's youngest quali-fied actuary, found a magnifi-

Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, has the perfect opportunity tonight to start rebuilding Anglo-German relations after the fearful battering they got from the tabloids during Euro 96. Hezza will deliver a speech and a toast at the German-British Chamber of Industry & Commerce in Whitehall, following a concert by the London Handel Orchestra and before a Gala Dinner. There will also be a speech by Jurgen Schrempp, chairman of Daimler-Benz, and a vote of thanks by the Chamber's chairman, Jurgen Gebrels. Jurgen



cent suite of antique loos on

the executive floor of his new offices in St Andrew's Square. Edinburgh. One loo had a plate on the front marked "Superintendent" while the other was marked "Manage-

ment". Mr Milne soon learned that minions were barred from these conveniences, and that any female visitors had to wait while a male colleague nipped in to one of the loos to make sure the coast was clear. Exasperated by such customs, Mr Milne demanded that the plates be removed and the

loes opened to all. Now no one gets caught shart on the first floor.

Richard Lambert, editor of the FT, spoke at the British Chambers of Commerce Conference in Birmingham vesterday. Strangely, there were no FT journalists to cover the event. No donbt Mr Lambert will be reporting himself on his own fine speech. No such doubts with another lecturer. Will Hutton, the Observer's editor, whose subject was What economic policy for British business?" An Observer reporter was standing by to cover the great event.

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Berkeley Group: at a glance

Market value: £2.07bn, share price 375p

Gas warns profits could halve

MAGNUS GRIMOND

British Gas yesterday launched a new offensive against Ofgas, warning that profits at its supply arm could effectively halve as a result of the gas watchdog's proposed domestic pricing regime from next year. British Gas Trading, the supply arm, would see its operating profits drop from a normalised figure of nearly £200m to around £90m. Philip Rogerson, BG's deputy chairmen said.

Although he refused to be drawn on the job implications, the cost savings required by Ofgas of around £75m in the first year look almost certain to have an impact on the husiness's 10,000 employees, given that labour charges are understood to represent around half total

The broadside comes less than three weeks after the gas group unleashed one of the bit-

terest attacks ever seen against a regulator's pricing proposals, when it condemned the controls suggested by Ofgas director general Clare Spottiswoode over its TransCo pipeline business. That dispute still looks destined to end up with the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. Mr Rogerson said talks with the regulator were making "little progress".

But be signalled that the battle over the proposed Ofgas do-mestic tariff formula, which would lop £8 a year from the average gas bill for 19 million households, would not be as

The pipeline proposals were very significantly more extreme. than these and tantamount to re-writing the rules." The new supply regime for BG Trading inflexible and intervention-

ist", he said. "It is very harsh in respect of the proposals on costs and the

profit margin it would be allowed to earn if it can cut costs to the level proposed by Ofgas." Even so: "We hope over the next few weeks we will end up with a structure which works rather than one which won't."

His sentiments were echoed by analysts. One said the regulator's proposals were a "sideshow to the main event, which is TransCo". The most important aspect was the crimp on profits at BG Trading, but that would have happened anyway in 1998 when the domestic market is opened up to competition. To me it looks like they won't

be going to the MMC on this." British Gas reiterated yesterday that it supported Ofgas's decision to allow the full cost of gas and its transportation to be passed through to customers. Although the company accepted the three-year dura-tion of the new domestic price formula, it complained that

Ofgas had made no commitment to lift regulation after the year 2000.

Klinsmann will not be attending.

However, its main ire was directed at the price controls. It rejected the rightening of the price cap from 4 per cent below the rise in the retail price index (RPI-4) to RPI-5 and its abandonment as a control over total revenue in favour of its application to several different yment methods.

Ofgas's requirement that 15 per cent of costs should be cut between now and next April and subsequent 5 per cent reductions would require the com-pany to slash £75m nff last ear's £500m bill, with a further £25m in each of the two subse-

quent years, Mr Rogerson said. Ofgas will produce its official consultation paper at the end of the month, with a further 28-day consultation period before British Gas must either accept nr reject the proposals.



Warning for Ofgas: Philip Rogerson, deputy chairman

Meconic ends year on a high A 6 page section covering vital

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Meconic, the world's biggest maker of opiates, yesterday rounded off a sparkling maiden year as a listed company with a £6m acquisition and a 40 per cent rise in profits. The Edinburgh based group saw its shares, which were floated at 135p in June 1995, rise a further 16p to 251p after it announced the purchase of Phoenix Chemicals.

Jim Cook, finance director,

said Phoenix represented a very important strategic step for Meconie's existing contract chemical manufacturing operations. The Waral-based company works with drug companies who have difficulties with the highly reactive processes required to produce the chemical intermediates which go into modern pharmaceuticals. Adding Phoenix's expertise to their own would allow Meconic to offer a broader range of contract manufacturing services to customers and open up the US market, from which the company is banned under United Nations

rules restricting the transport and manufacture of opiates. Meconic is paying an initial £6m in shares and cash for Phoenix, with deferred payments up to £12m depending on results up to the year 2000. Underlying profits at Phoenix were £700,000

on turnover of 13m last year. The news came as Meconie revealed pre-tax profits up from £4.13m to £5.83m in the year to 3 May, helped by a £439,000 cut in the interest bill.

Meconic's existing contract manufacturing business was the fastest growing part of the group in the year last year, doubling sales to £1.15m. Much of its work involves making products developed by biotechnology groups, such as Shire Pharmaceuticals' galanthamine treatment for Altzheimer's disease and an infant eczema product for the recently floated Phytopharm. Growth should be maintained by further con-

tract wins in the current year. Sales grew 28 per cent to £5.4m in speciality fine chemicals, despite a slowing in demand in the second half for aloin, a chemical intermediate used in an anti-arthritic drug. Meconic said it expected that to pick up again, but warned of a slowdown in the growth of Bitrex, a bittering agent now used by all the major supermarket groups as an additive to prevent the accidental consumption of household cleaners and the like.

Total sales of the division grew 9 per cent to £27.1m, within which opiates were 8 per cent up and other controlled drugs were ahead by 28 per cent. | terday afternoon after it had

Cook may sell First Choice stake TOM STEVENSON City Editor

Thomas Cook, the travel agent now owned by Westdeutsche Landesbank, is widely expected to unload its 11 per cent stake in tour operator First Choice following its acquisition yesterday of Sunworld, Britain's fifth-

largest package holiday group. The deal, in which Cook paid Spain's Grupo Viajes Iberia an undisclosed sum, bolsters the agent's presence in the UK tour industry which is dominated by Canada's Thomson, and British rivals Airtours and First Choice.

Surworld controls 5 per cent of the British short-haul package boliday market behind the three largest players, which have almost 60 per cent between

per cent.
We have always enjoyed an excellent relationship with the company and today's announcement is a natural extension of our existing association," Ulrich Zierke, the chief executive, said. Surworld's brands include Summersun and Wintersun, Sunworld Sailing, Sunworld Beach Villas and the charter air-

line Airworld. Thomas Cook said Sunworld would complement its travel agency operations, long-haul bolidays and foreign-exchange business. It has installed Nigel Hards, its former director of UK retail operations, as managing director, replacing chief execu-tive Peter Long who is leaving

immediately. The deal with Surworld draws

them, and Cosmos/Avro with 6 a line under Thomas Cook's artempt to form an alliance with First Choice, in which it took a 21 per cent stake in 1993 as part of the tour operator's successful defence against a hostile bid

from Airtours.

The partnership, designed to counter the vertically integrated operations of Thomson, which owns travel agent Lunn Poly, and Airtours, which owns Gning laces, never lived up to its potential and the relationship has

been on the rocks for a while. A spokeswoman for Thomas Cook refused to say whether the Surworld deal would mean it would sell its First Choice stake but she did say that it would have no impact on the commercial relationship between

the two companies. "We will continue to sell

their products through our shops," she said.

The deal signals a significant shake-up in the UK holiday industry at a time when all the large players are reviewing their strategies in counter the cut-throat competition and overcapacity that blew a hole in

profits last year. Airtours has been expanding rapidly in North America and Scandinavia. Thomson, meanwhile, is denying rumours that it is planning to sell or float its UK Thumson Travel arm.

Separately yesterday, Inspirations, Britain's sixth-largest tour operator, said it was paying £1.75m to acquire Skiers World, a ski-tour group. The deal will be funded by a £12m rights issue of two convertible shares for every five ordinaries,

Argyll stages £208m share buy-back

NIGEL COPE

Angyll, the Safeway supermarket group, undertook the first share buy-back in the supermarket sector yesterday when it acquired 60 million of its own shares. Priced at 346p per share, the total value of the transactinn was £208m. The deal represents 5.25 per cent of the company's share capital.

Argyll bought the shares yes-

been granted sharehnider approval at the company's annual meeting in the morning. Argyli's gearing will rise from the yearend level of 13 per cent to 30 per cent as a result. The company expects the buy-back to enhance earnings per share by about 1 per cent this year. It said the company's higher gearing would not constrain the Safe-

In an update on current trading, Argyll chairman Sir Alistair

way's expansinn plans.

Grant said sales in the 13 weeks is understood to be operating at of its current year were 9.7 per cent ahead of the same period last year. Stripping out new stores openings, like-for-like sales were 5.2 per cent ahead. Gross margins, excluding petrol, are slightly down on

petrol price war continues to

Safeway's petrol business which

starting to benefit from the the year. Sir Alistair said this was "as anticipated" though the trend was improving. The

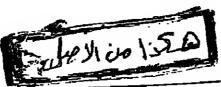
Safeway 2000 restructuring programme. Free from the disruption which inevitably accompanied these changes we are confident of delivering a year of good profit growth." Sir Alistair said, have "an adverse effect" on

Sir Alistair said the group was

break even levels.

Argyll sought formal approval from shareholders to change the company name to Safeway.





market report/shares

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episode. Shares of Yorkshire-Tyne Tees TV surged 75p to 1,238p. a peak. The warrants, entitling holders to one share at 200p, gained 72p to 1,030p. The excitement was generated by stories Granada, off 11p to 849p, would today mount its 849p, would today mount its

long expected take over strike.
Said one trader: "Every spiv
in the market is trying to buy
the shares; they expect a 1.400p

But the giant leisure group could be excused for taking the view it is already free 10 move in on Yorkshire. In a little noticed move last week, Trade

One of the stock market's longest running soap operas could be close to its final shares parked in a "deadlock"

company. Yorkshire shares were then 1,148p.
Granada left the rest of the broadcasting industry looking flat footed when it increased its

& Media no doubt nursed

hopes of eventually capturing the company, building a 13.8 per cent interest. It could be argued Granada oranada is seen as set to hid once the new Broadcasting Bill becomes law this month. But the giant leisure

But there are signs more hotel sales are near, lowering the group's sky high borrowings.
And Granada has let it be known it is not at all disturbed.



MARKET REPORT DEREK PAIN

> Stuck market reporter of the year

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But Jarvis, which came the

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ably accommodate the £750m so did a 41.5 million exercise Yorkshire acquisition.

There were, as always, suggestions the speculators may have their wires crossed. Granada is thought to have rearranged much of its debt burden at more favourable terms and an announcement about the new financing is imminent. Such a move could have misled some of those so busily chasing Yorkshire shares.

The FT-SE 100 index bare-

Yet there is no doubt many of the small investors who applied for the shares were blissfully ignorant of the pending sale.

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The placing was executed at 170p, prompting those who paid 175p to feel peeved.

Argyll, the Safeway superstores chain, indulged in a share buyback through Bardays de Zoete Wedd and Panmure Gordon. The securities groups had no difficulty pickgroups had no difficulty pick-

ing up the 60 million shares (5.25 per cent) at 346p. The two placings accounted for more than 200 million of

must be speculation whether advanced breast cancer had been approved for use in Austria, Germany and Italy.
Vocalis, a speech recognition products group, made a strong so well received if it had been known Candover intended to

Yorkshire-Tyne Tees TV saga nears final episode vestors, was aware of Can-dover's short term ambitions. Independent British Healthshares touched 95p, ending at 70p. Deals were undertaken at 69.5p and 67p. On Ofex Cambridge Mineral Resources

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profits downgrading the day after the building industry had
been spurred by optimistic
housing forecasts chopped the

shares 12p to 147p.

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eased 2p to 176p on reports of
a cantious analysts meeting and Boots investment presentation the day's share trading.

In a dull drugs sector Zeneca
shaded op to 1,434p after reporting its new treatment for advanced breast cancer had

Meconic, the speciality chemical group, jumped 32p to 267p following a £6m acquisition of a corrosive chemicals

Tradepoint, the small nrder-driven rival to the Stock Exchange, had its second busiest day since it started trading, turning over 7.5 million shares with deals in Granada catching the eye. Its best ever session occurred just after last year's launch. Tradepoint's shares held at 140p; they have recently felt

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the weight of selling from Canada reflecting the likely delisting in Vancouver where the company achieved much of its early backing.

Servisair, operating ground support services to large air-lines, should continue to push profits higher, believes stockbroker Wise Speke. It looks for £7.4m this year and £9m next. The company faces only limited competition, allowing margins to widen. The shares were little changed at 376p. They came to market at 135p in October 1994.

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Reaching the past other lagers can't reach

An Egyptian beer has gone on sale at Harrods, Paul Valelly imbibes and reports

Two bottles, and you would not be fit to drive a charlot. Tutankhamun Ale, made to a 3,250-year-old Egyptian recipe, weot on sale at Harrods yesterday. Mind you, if you could afford two bottles you would probably have had your chariot chauffeur-driven, with slaves to run alongside for good mea-sure. The first bottle cost £5.000 and the other 999 in the numbered, limited edition brew went for £50 apiece.

With some trepidation, therefore, I opened a bottle in the company of Jim Merrington, the brewer who has spent six years in a painstaking recoostruction of the antique beverage, first made io Amarna, in the desert wastes 200 miles south of the modern city of Cairo for the Pharoah Akhenateo and his Queen Nefertiti. But before the glass could be raised there was a story to tell.

It is a tale of some precision. Amarna was built by Akhenaten io honour of the sun god Aten, whom he decided was the only god. But when his son Tutankhamun succeeded to the throoe he restored a plurality of deities and destroyed the city dedicated to this early monotheism. Amarna flourished for only 17 years, so everything there can be dated exactly. "It's a time warp. Everything you kiek in breweries including the royal



Sweet, fruity, with a touch of caramel, Paul Valelly takes a drop of the old - 3,250 years old - stuff.

the sand is 3,000 years old." said Mr Merringtoo.

He began work on the project in 1990 when Barry Kemp of Cambridge University, who is field director of the site for the Egypt Exploratioo Society. came across several streets of

brewery. Dr Kemp decided that tunity to explore the origins of he needed a hrewer. He cootacted Jim Merrington of Scottish and Newcastle Breweries who, fortuitously, bad recently visited Egypt after his son won a travel scholarship to study ancieot graffiti.

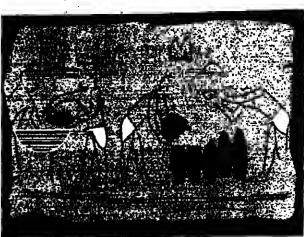
"It was a wonderful oppor-

Egyptians were exporting beer our industry," said Mr Merto India and Greece. rington. "Brewing as we know "They had beers of different

colours and strengths for dif-ferent occasions: beers for high it was developed in Egypt; 4,000 years ago when the pyramids were being built they were said days, feast days, medicinal beers - ooe for toothache, made with to bave lived off hread and an alcobolic porridge ... by the time of Herodotus and Pliny the rhubarb, and oce mjected as an

Amarna's Sun Temple had a window of appearance" - the equivalent of the Buckingham

Palace balcony - from which the royals waved to the adoring multitude. Tomb paintings of the sceoe show that they were aided by long lines of servants, who streamed from the temple



Ancient recipe: Egyptian depiction of the making of the bee

carrying beer jars at their tities of grain and dates. But shoulders to distribute to the waving plebs.

Working out exactly what was in those pots constituted quite a detective story. Thanks to the pharaonic practice of burying a king with everything he needed in the afterlife, archeologists were able to refer to dolls'-house-sized models of breweries at work. Dr Delwen Samuel, an archaeobotanist, painstakingly swept the floor of the breweries and found grains of emmer wheat, "very rare to-day, but the only wheat grown in ancient Egypt. Some of it was sprouted and used to make mait," she said yesterday, as she waited to taste the beer.

The tarry residues left in excavated pots were examined at the Edinburgh Brewing School using an electron microscope to work out the recipe. . Jim Merringtoo visited the dig with four wers, all of whom came up with hypotheses for the scien-tists to test. "They're malting up there," said one, scrutinising a tomb painting. "It's drum malting; they still do it that way in parts of Europe." It was, said Dr Delwen Samuel, a model of inter-disciplinary collaboration

The team also analysed water from desert wells and built replica kilns to make beer pots. Ancient writings had talked of beer made from equal quan- an Egyptian.

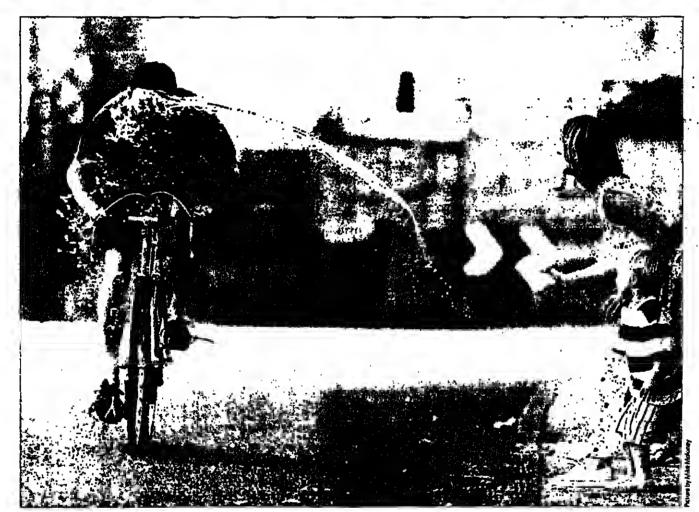
when the archeologists found no date stones and the scientists no date fibres, the Egyptologists concluded they had to reinter-pret the hieroglyphic for dates:" to mean "sweet substance" - starch converted to sugar in malt. What earlier archeologists bad taken to be bread buns in pharaonic tombs are now thought to be cakes from which to make instant beer

while an army is oo the march. There was nothing instant about the beer before us. When the brewers began work at S&N's test factory in Edinburgh, the emmer wheat was so hard that the brewery's barley mill had to be run at one tenth of normal speed. The beer could never be made in com-

mercial quantities.

We lifted it to our noses. It smelt sweet and fruity, with a touch of caramel and raw grain. The label said 6 per cent alcohol and you could smell the strength. It tasted sweet, beavy. month-coating but with some astringency. Jim Merringtoo sooo abandoned taster-speak and pronounced, "It's not a conooisseur brew, it's for quaffing." So I lifted the bottle to my lips and knocked it back, then bad another bottle - it was cheaper, after all, than Dom Pérignon - and left Harrods walking like

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RAF pilot 'in deadly game of chicken'

A jury watched video film yes- aircraft with the intention of was buzzed by a low-flying RAF Hercules aircraft.

The film captured the Hercules XP 186 in a low pass over South Cerney military airfield oear Cirencester, Glos, in Au-

gust 1994. Private Christopher Game, 22, from Poole, Dorset, who was standing oo his recovery truck roof, died from multiple injuries wheo struck by the rear ramp of the transport aircraft flying at 140mph, 12ft to 14ft from the ground.

The four minute video was the last of 21 shown in prosecution evidence in the Bristol Crown Court trial of the Hercules pilot. Squadron Leader Michael Morison, 42.

He denies the manslaughter of Pte Game, a single man. The private's death on the afternoon of August 4 was captured oo the film shot from inside the Hercules.

For some mioutes, the aircraft circled woods and fields before coming in over the air-

The jury theo saw only a blur of movement as the private's body fell from the roof of his truck cab and a piece of the aircraft's lowered rear ramp was seen tumbling to the ground. Pte Game's divorced moth-

er, Rose, sat in court clutching the hand of a companion as the film was shown. Junior Crown Counsel Mr Alun Jenkins, QC, slowed down

the closing sequences in a jerky frame by frame movement. Morison watched the video intently from the dock. The Crown say there was a

practice among the Hercules crew, including Morison, to make very low level passes after a completed drop operation. They say these unauthorised passes had no operational value and were aimed at creating excitement and bravado among the air crew and people oo the

Mark Evans QC, for the Crown, said: "It was a game that could be described in some

ways as playing chicken." He maintained that the squadron leader had aimed the

terday showing the momeot an army private was killed in an al-

The jury were told the pilot and the private were part of a joint RAF/Army unit involved in testing air-drop equipment

Both meo were stationed at Brize Norton, Oxfordshire. Private Game was the driver of a recovery truck fitted with a jib crane. The crane cootrols were on the roof of his cab.

Mr Evans said for some time previously a practice had developed where inspection runs were made after successful These runs were becoming

lower and lower, the aim being to create excitement from the risk involved. The low passes were a "bit of fun", he said. The Crown maintained the

pilot was criminally negligent because of the risk involved. We say it is criminal because the defendant in those circumstances was clearly indifferent to the risk. He, of all people, knew what the risk was but nonetheless went ahead to have

a bit of fun."

The prosecution said in some cases aircraft were between 14ft and 28ft from the ground. On a second pass a number of the men dropped their trousers to expose their bottoms to the aircraft. Mr Evans said the squadron leader was a distinguished pilot with over 2,500 flying hours on Hercules air-

He had served for 20 years, mostly as an operational pilot. and also flew Tornados.

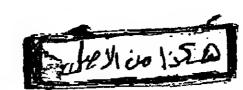
Mr Evans said the jury might bear evidence the pilot's radio altimeter had failed at 70ft in approaching South Cerney.

It was reported defective by the flight engineer and later proved to be operating outside normal tolerances. But Mr Evans said the al-

timeter was not crucial to the low pass which depended oo the pilot's visual approach.

He told the jury: "It does not explain why he was coming in that low. The prosecutioo say the question of the radio aitimeter is effectively a red herring. It has no bearing oo the reason for being so low."

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Mary Pierce stretches but fails to reach the heights yesterday Photograph: David Ashdown

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Graf faces Date with final destiny

JOHN ROBERTS

Tennis Correspondent

Steffi Graf and Arantsa Sanchez Vicario are oce match away from a repeat of last year's astonishing final, but at least the women's singles has provided two new

oames in the last four. Meredith McGrath, a Swiss-based American, has emerged unseeded from the bottom quarter of the draw to challenge the fourth-seeded Sanchez Vicario, and Kimiko Date, the No 12 seed, will face Graf, having become the first Japanese woman to reach a semi-final at the Ali England Club.

From McGrath's point of view, there is a distinct irony about the way events have transpired since the pre-Wimbledon tournament at Eastbourne, Having lost there to Monica Seles in straight sets in the second round, she has become the chief beneficiary of the second seed's early elimination.

.In the fourth round, McGrath accounted for Katarina Studenikova, the Slovakian who upset Seles, and it came as no surprise yesterday when the American defeated her compatriot, the ninthseeded Mary Joe Fernandez, who injured her back while practising and did well to complete the match.

Fernandez, who was blown off the court by Seles's groundstrokes in the East-bourne final, had no answer to McGrath's strapped right thigh, which gave the im-

YESTERDAY AT WIMBLEDON

Martin gives Henman food for thought with threatening display of power and precision

Easy does it as Sampras and Graf show the authority of champions

Stich, the No 10 seed, comes a cropper in two-hour battle with Dutchman

grass-court play when lacking mobility yes-terday, and was defeated, 6-3, 6-1.

The 25-year-old McGrath could scarcely believe what she had achieved. "I just stopped shaking about five min-ules ago," she said. "It's an hooour to be in the semis of Wimbledon. I'm just thrilled to be here and to be playing the kind of tennis I am. Coming into the tournament, I oever expected it. It oever crossed my mind. I was hoping to win my first round."

McGrath, ranked No 27 in the world, always had the style to make an im-pression at Wimbledon, as she showed when defeating Martina Navratilova en route to the Eastbourne title two years ago and by winning at Birmingham less

than three weeks ago.

The one alarming aspect of Mo-

pression that she was more damaged than her opponent. "It's nothing major,"

she said. She has lost her two previous matches against Sanchez Vicario, the first of them on grass in Newport, Rhode Island,

six years ago.
The Spaniard defeated Austria's Jndith Wiesner, 6-4, 6-0. After a slow start, in which she waited for mistakes which did not materialise, Sanchez Vicario found herself 2-4 down. She responded by showing more aggression and winning

the remaining 10 games in a row.

Date, a guarter-finalist last year, recovered after losing the opening set against Mary Pierce to defeat the French No 13 seed, 3-6, 6-3, 6-1. "In the second set I got a little nervous," Pierce said, "and in the third set I felt like I had totally lost

jority of Graf's opponent's, has found her pre-match planning shot full of holes. Ex-cept on one occasion – the most recent of their seven encounters, in Tokyo in

Date clinched victory against Germany in the Fed Cup by defeating Graf, 7-6, 3-6, 12-10. Only one other player has beaten Graf this year, and that was the 15-year-old Martina Hingis at the Itelian Committee Martina Hingis at the Italian Open in May.

Graf atoned for that by defeating Hingis here in the fourth round, 6-1, 6-4. The first set was over in 20 minutes. Last year, it took Graf that long to complete one game of the final against

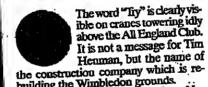
Sanchez Vicario.
Yesterday Graf edged closer to her seventh title with an almost routine win against her old rival Jana Novotna, 6-3, 6-2 in 61 minutes. The Czech servevolleyer rarely seemed likely to force a close contest, let alone find herself 4-1 ahead in the third set and serving, as she did before her nerve deserted her in the 1993 final.

Although Graf had to save three break points in the fifth game and double-faulted to lose her serve at 5-1, she quickly recovered.

There were times when shouts from the crowd distracted the players, but there was one amusing moment as the match drew to a close. "Come on, Jana, don't let the Germans win again!" came a cry when Graf was leading 5-1 in the second set. Too late. Unlike the England footballers, Novotmy rhythm." That is a fair summary.

The Japanese, in common with the ma-

Latest British member of the Club aims for last four Henman took a break from his labours



building the Wimbledon grounds. Henman requires no urging. Nor does he need to be reminded to keep his feet on the ground. He leaves the hyperbole to pundits who have suddenly discovered positive words in the thesaurus which can be applied to a

The targets set before the 21-year-old British tennis player. from Oxford are clearly defined - Bunny Austin was the last British men's singles finalist, in 1938, and Fred Perry the last winner, in 1936.

Boxis Becker's phrase about not think-ing about the evening before the day is done comes to mind. It was used in the context of the extent of the former champion's wrist injury, but could be applied to Henman's situation today. His immediate task is to overcome

Todd Martin, the American No 13 seed, who looms like an animated version of one of the cranes. If Henman is successful, he will coulate Roger Taylor, the nation's last men's semi-finalist, in 1973. Those who imagine that it is simply a case of come in No 13, your time is up, may be seriously underestimating Mar-

For one thing, Martin was the last play-er to beat Pete Sampras on grass, in the 1994 final of the Stella Artois at Queen's Club, Loudon, 7-6, 7-6. He went on to reach the Wimbledon semi-finals with four five-set wins - the first player in the open era to accomplish the feat - before

25-year-old from Illinois.

ing to Sampras in four sets. "His game is very suited," Sampras says. "He's got one of the best returns in the game. He's a 6ft 6in guy with a big serve. He moves pretty well on grass, and the thing that gives him the advantage is the way he returns. That's the shot you need to play well here. He obviously has proven that. He got to the semis here and is on the verge of hreaking through it. I

think he's got a good chance."

Not that the three-times champion doubts that Herman has improved since he defeated him in straight sets in the second round last year. The way he's

Tim Henman (left) takes on Todd Martin on Centre Court today. John Roberts looks at his chances of reaching the semi-final

playing, and with the crowd support, it will be an entertaining match," Sampras tin. The alternative (i.e. non-British) view is that the American's status as the only says. "The crowd is going to be into it.
He's going to be playing with a lot of emotion. The way he's handling himself on
the Centre Court has been phenomenal. seed remaining in the bottom half of the draw is a marvellous opportunity for the

But I think Tim is going to have to play a great match to beat Todd. I don't want to pick one guy. I think Todd might be the slight favourite, but the way Tim is playing anything can happen out there." Martin, who completed his fourth-

round match against Sweden's Thomas Johansson yesterday, 3-6, 6-3, 7-5, 6-2, has also noticed a change in Henman since be defeated him in straight sets at Queen's two years ago. "I don't know what else, but I know he's added a few pounds, which has really helped him out," he says. "He seems to be playing very well and

is very comfortable on the grass. The way I look at it is at least I'm on Centre Court. From there you've just got to play it like any other match, block out the crowd and realise that you're there to do a job and it doesn't matter whether people want you to do it well or oot."

yesterday and prepared mentally for the higgest game of his career. He has shown already that he has the strokes and the temperament to take another major step forward.

His progress has made him the latest British member of the Last 8 Club, a hospitality facility oo the grounds oow incorporated in the new Court No 1 complex. Inaugurated in 1986 as part of the 100th championship celebrations, the Last 8 Club recognises the contributioo made by players who have reached the quarter-final of the singles or the semi-

finals of the doubles. Henman will not look out of place among the greats who pop into the club, and he also adopts a refreshing attitude towards the Fred Perry syndrome which has inhibited many of his predecessors.

"When I've been growing up, coming through in junior tennis, it's almost been used as a negative against us," he said recently. "It's always been reported that we haven't had a Wimbledon champioo since Fred Perry, emphasising how poor the standard of British tennis has been. But I think it's something I've tried to use as a positive to spur me on and try to achieve whatever I can in the

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MARTIN BEATS HENMAN AT QUEEN S. 8 JUNE 1994

FLASHBACK: The only time that Tim Henman has faced Todd Martin was in a match at Stella Artois Grass-Court hero, Chris Bailey. Charapionships at Queen's Club in

Jeremy Bates was still the British No 1 and had just completed one of the best victories of his career, beating Boris Becker.

Greg Rusedski, then still a Canadian but aiready talking of

moving to London, was also on a roll, beating another British Wimbledon John Roberts, our Tennis

Correspondent, ended one report from the Queen's Club championships with the following description of the Henman-Martin match:

Players born and bred here continue to show promise, the 19-

veared Tim Henman posing problems for Todd Martin, the world No 9, before the American won 6-4, 6-4, advancing to meet Rusedski for a place in the quarter-

Henman, who had a break point the first set, recovered from losing his serve in the opening height I was faced with the same game of the second set to level at thing when I was a year or two 4-4, only to be let down by his younger," he said.

forehand volley in the following

Martin, impressed. "He is not going to need a wild card much longer. He has a ton of shots. He needs to play a lot of matches and get used to situations and also grow into his

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Football

NICK DUXBURY

A flourish of transfers yesterday signalled the speeding up of the summer sales after the self-en-forced lull during *Euro 96*. Andy Booth's £2.75m move to Sheffield Wednesday was the main trade of a day which also saw Manchester United confirm that they had put £3.6m on the

table for Karel Poborsky. The 22-year-old Booth, a former England Under-21 international striker, arrived at Wednesday from their Yorkshire neighbours, Huddersfield Town, whose manager, Brian Horton, immediately spent more than £2m of the incoming cash on the forwards Marcus Stewart and Andy Payton, plus the defender Andy Morrison. Horton paid a club record £1.2m to Bristol Rovers for Stewart, Blackpool's Morrison cost £500,000, and Payton

£350,000 from Barnsley. David Pleat's spending at Hillsborough could soon go through the £5m barrier, with the Charlton midfielder Lee Bowyer now hack from holiday to give his decision on whether it is a Wednesday or a Leeds shirt he pulls on next season. Pleat underlined that he was persuing a home-grown purchase policy. "We want to get good, young English players," he said, "We need that sense of responsibility rather than a mercenary or gypsy-type atti-tude where they want to leave

when things are going wrong."

Manchester United operate no such restrictions and are willing to pay Slavia Prague hig money for Poborsky, the Czech Republic's outstanding midfielder. Liverpool are no longer in the running for the long-haired 24-year-old, but Lazio are understood to have offered

him lucrative personal terms. After Italian and French ar-

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with the Slovakian midfielder Robert Tomashek, 24, for

West Ham demonstrated a preference for a combination of domestic and overseas talent by signing the Southampton defender, Richard Hall, and the 30-year-old Portuguese striker Paulo Futre, a free transfer capture from Milan.

With another three arrivals expected later this week, their assistant manager Frank Lampard said that the Hammers were "going back to the era of Moore, Hurst and Peters" and described Hall as "our Tony

The fee for Hall, 24 and a former England Under-21 captain, will be decided by a tribunal. with the Saints asking £1.5m.

All is not sweetness and light at the cities of Leicester and Manchester, Leicester pulled out of a £1.6m move for Ben Thatcher after accusing the Millwall full-back of attempting to play them off in an auction with Wimhledon. "Leicester City are too big a club to be trifled with," said their manager, Martin O'Neill, who looks set to lose Iwan Roberts, the striker who contributed 20 goals to their promotion campaign. He has rejected a three-year deal and is now lined up for a £500,000 switch to Wolves.

The knashing of teeth at Maine Road concerns the 31year-old Keith Curle, who has been put on the transfer list after being stripped of the cap-taincy. After informing him that I was relieving him of the captaincy, it was agreed that we would circularise clubs informing them of his availability," Alan Ball, the Manchester City

The media group Caspian, who have the former Oueen's Park Rangers owner Richard Thompson on its board, has sucreed in a £20m takeover of Leeds United after beating off rivals, Chelsea are now trying to offers from leisure firm Conrad tempt Slovan Bratislava to part and a "late overseas hidder."

manager, said.



Oxford's batsmen make hay after being put in by Cambridge on the first day of the University match at Lord's yesterday

THE INDEPENDENT SUMMER OF SPORT

Oxford's batsmen have Cake and eat it

There are new verities creeping into the University match. One of them is that the morning's play will be punctuated by the shrill cries of schoolchildren, as if quiet old Lord's was sudden-

hosting a swimming gala. Admitted free, the kids start drifting away before lunch, but yeslerday, for the committed few who remained, the afternoon provided good value as they scampered around retrieving halls that had been hoisted into the Mound Stand.

The batsmen were a lefthander, Andrew Ridley, whose path to a delightful century featured one sublime patch as he raced through the sixties and seventies, and a militant right-

The mixture of right and left-hander severely taxed Cam-bridge, given the shortness of the Tavern boundary. The firstclass regulations set the minimum distance at 50 yards, hut this ooe cannot have been more than 45 yards, if that. So another verity of the modern Varsity match is that it will be played within a leg-side flick of the boundary, on a pitch that is drier, shaved closer and more batsman-friendly than any oth-

So what were Cambridge doing electing to field first in what has become the annual Batsmen's Game? Perhaps, hoping that if this pitch was to offer any hint of life it would

ers prepared for first-class

games at headquarters.

Norman Harris sees new truths revealed in this year's Varsity match at Lord's

only be found on the first morning More likely, captain Rus-sell Cake took the immensely pragmatic view that the best chance of victory for his strong hatting side - arguably even stronger than Oxford's - was in being offered something stiff to

chase on the last day.

The bowling difficulties faced by both sides are underlined by the fact that they contributed only one bowler between them — an off-spinner—to last week's British Universities side that played the Indians. Clearly, cerebral cricketers are batsmen: Derek Pringle is a very odd

man out as an Oxbridge seam bowler who played for England. Predictably, therefore, the

Oxford openers started at

something above the usual sedate pace of these first mornings. It was 46 off 11 overs before Andy Whittall's off-spin was introduced. Perhaps the most telling stroke - for all the fireworks that were to come later - came when Chinmay Gupte simply turned the off-spinner firmly from the back foot and defeated the man vainly sprinting along the line from square leg to midwicket. A little hope for Cambridge

swung it both ways, but errors of line and length were punished peremptorily. And the first wicket was to come, ironically since Cambridge's fielding was unaccountably slack, with a run out. Gupte thought he had defeated mid-on, but hadn't. He got most of the way to the other end, but not all that far back, as Cambridge made as much a meal of

Iain Sutcliffe gathered just six singles after lunch in 32 minutes, before flashing fatally at Whittall, and that left the stage to Ridley. Nothing became him, perhaps, like his start: an extracover drive for four from his sec-

their part of the action as Gupte

did of his. It was bad cricket.

came when Rob Tennent, at a ond ball, and another such very modest medium pace, stroke to go from five to nine. It suggested a rare talent, and he looked a young man apart with his dark hlue cap, his relaxed, wristy strokes and a bat that gave the impression of being extremely light. His lefthandedness apart, he brought to mind a youthful Australian of several decades ago, Ian Craig he certainly did not look like

anyone on the county scene. Ridley had made a hundred in his first match of the season. and had now made one in his last game for Oxford. By the time he was out, caught and bowled for 155, he had hit seven sixes and £ 17 fours and Oxford were almost out of sight as they cruised to 390 for 4 at the close.

THE INDEPENDENT football forecast & THE FINAL SCORE

Euro '96 captivated and enthralled the nation and we hope that this Football Forecast competition added to the excitment of the tournament. We are pleased to announce that the winner of our football game is Mr Narda of Maida Vale, London.

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Happier all-rounder back at Trent Bridge

Chris Lewis admitted yesterday that he expects a "mixed reaction" from Nottinghamshire fans during the Trent Bridge

Test against India. The England coach, David Lloyd, appealed for Lewis to be given a fair chance" at the club he walked out of last winter after four largely acrimonious years. The 28-year old allrounder's career has been rejuvenated by his move to Surrey and, during an England practice Matters came to a head when session, Lewis proved that he is Lewis's mother's house was

untroubled by the hip com-

plaint which flared up during to London immediately to help the Lord's Test. to London immediately to help out. Several people at the club

centrating on my game. I'm sure I will be getting a mixed reaction from the people here. Relationships were strained. There was a clash of personalities with various people - it wasn't one individual. I think it's sufficient to say that I didn't fit into the scheme of things."

hurned down and he returned

Lewis said: "Life goes on and during this Test I shall be con- a made-up story and that Lewis

suggested at the time that it was was just trying to get out of playing some cricket. That episode sums up my

time at Nottingham," Lewis

said. "It was sad that I had teammates casting doubt on my word, but all that's in the past. "I've been very happy with my form this summer. The

whole atmosphere is more re-

laxed at Surrey."

him as a candidate for the No 6 all-rounder's role. Lloyd agreed that Lewis at six is one of several options for the Test. He said: "It's all about competition, isn't it? We have three players in our 13 who would all like to think they could do the No 6 joh - Romie Irani, Mark Ealham and Chris Lewis.

"We will not be deciding our team until the morning and we've got one eye on the weather forecast. But, at the moment. Lewis is keen that England's all options are open."

Tyson offered £30m to meet Lewis

Mike Tyson, the World Boxing Council heavyweight champion, was yesterday offered £30m to defend his title against Britain's Lennox Lewis.

pledging the money after Tyson said that he was willing to meet the Canadian-raised

won against Frank Bruno in March, will not be at stake when he fights Bruce Seldon in Las Vegas on Saturday week -following a court ruling pro-hibiting him from defending his title against anyone other than Lewis.

Frank Maloney, Lewis As he then opted to meet Sel-manager, wasted no time in don, the World Boxing Association title-holder, Tyson was told to vacate his WBC crown on 15 July hut, in a further complica-

merry-go-round, Maloney said Lewis was prepared to let Tyson keep his helt rather than fight for the two fighters to meet each other for a vacated title. Lewis, who took £2.6m in

"step-aside mooey" to let Tyson to fight Seldon, was himself the WBC title holder until he lost to Oliver McCall in September 1994 and yesterday Tyson, who has lost just once in 45 fights, said to meet the Canadian-raised July hut, in a further complica-fighter. Tyson's WBC title, tion to the heavyweight division - the No 1 WBC contender.

"I hear he's saying everyone is afraid of him. Well, Mike Tyson is not afraid of him. I'm not afraid of anyone. Bring him on," the 29-year-old Tyson said. "I think he's afraid of him-

This was just what Maloney wanted to hear, and in a faxed letter he told Tyson's promot-er, Don King: "If Mike Tyson means what he says, then I can see no reason why this fight cannot take place."

THE INDEPENDENT

Fast track to world records

Athletics

MIKE ROWBOTTOM

Linford Christie, committed now to a defence of his Olympic 100 metres title, takes to one of the fastest tracks in the world tonight at the Lausanne Grand Prix for a race that could create a new world record.

If conditions are favourable, Letoy Burrell's mark of 9.85sec, set at the same meeting two years ago, could go.
In a field that includes the US

champion Dennis Mitchell and the two leading Canadians, Bruny Surin and world champion Donovan Bailey, the man most likely to threaten it is Frankie Fredericks, who ran 9.87 on a chilly night in Helsin-ki last week and is in formida-

Christie, his training partner, has yet to break 10.00 this season, hut that is no cause for alarm as far as he is concerned. "I go into every race believing I can win," says Christie,

who also runs the 200m

BRITAIN'S MOST

POPULAR BUTTON

trouble." The Lausanne meeting is

one of Christie's main tests before the Games. He is due to compete at the Golden Four meeting in Oslo on Friday and completes his preparations in London on 12 July. Butch Reynolds's world

400m record of 43.29 set in Zurich eight years ago could Michael Johnson has it in his sights after demolishing the 200m record and few would bet confidently against him.

Johnson, who won the world title last season with 43.39, said: "It could go. Right now there is not a lot of technical stuff for me to work on, so I'm lonking forward to going out and running for fun.

"They gave me a couple of bottles of champagne after the 200, but I said I wouldn't open them until I broke the 400 record." Roger Black, who established a new British mark of

tonight. "If you don't have those trying to offer some sort that confidence, you are in of threat to the American.

Colin Jackson takes on world champion Allen Johnson, who came within 0.01sec of matching his world 110m hurdles record of 12.91 at the

US trials. And Saliy Gunneli races two of the American challengers for her Olympic 400m hurdles title

for the first time this season. Kim Batten succeeded Gunalso come under threat. nell as world champion and world record holder a year ago. But it is the Gothenburg silver medallist, Tonya Buford, whom the British women's captain believes may prove the one she

> "I've always said that after coming second last year she will definitely be the one to watch this year because she will be hungry to win," Gunnell said.

has to beat in Atlanta.

Both women broke Gunnell's world record in a race that the Briton had to watch from the stands because of the heel injury from which she returned to hurdling less than 44.39 last month, is among two months ago.





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As the roars and screams pitch over Centre Court. Carol Sarler tastes a satellite world where tennis comes second to a good day out

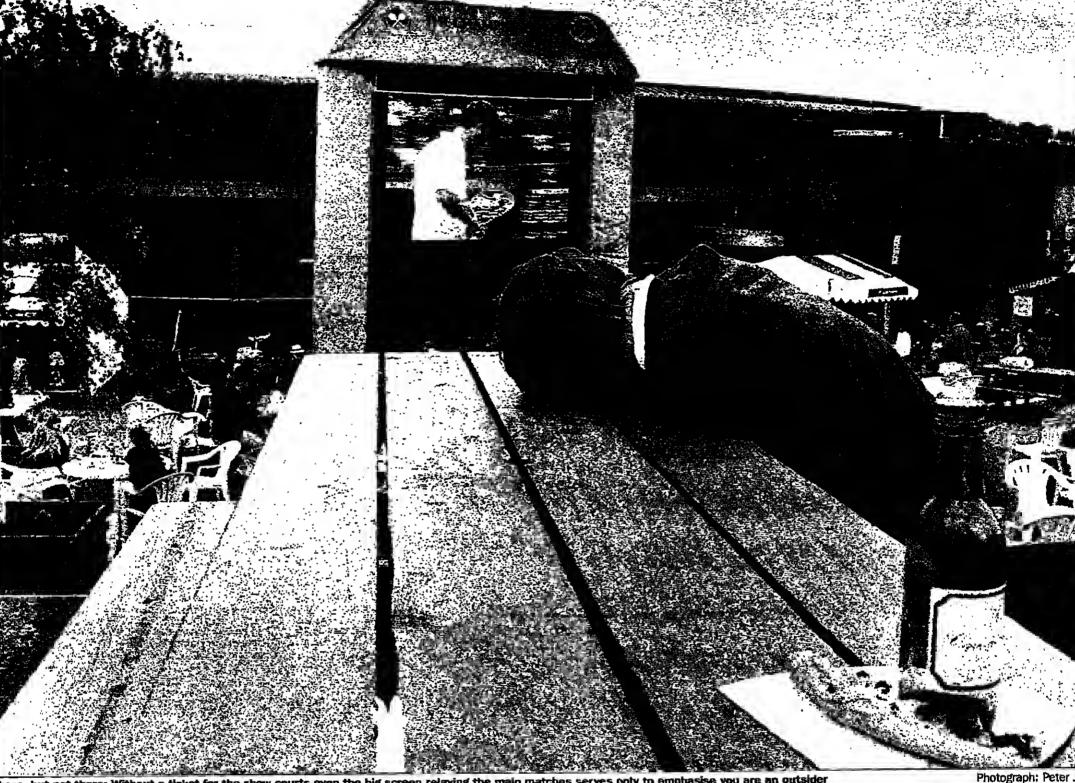
t had sounded, to be sure, like fun. After thirtysomething years of watching Wimbledon on television, complete with the ritual of curtains closed to daythe and a sofa-full of strawberries (to be eaten within the spirit of the thing,you understand), when the offer came to be there it was irresistible. Sadly, however, it turns out that there are two ways to "do" Wimbledon - which one may sum up as being, broadly, the right way and the wrong. And we got the wrong.

The right way goes something like this: you bowl up in your chauffeuriven limousine; if you're enough of a dignitary, you even get a flashingblue-light police escort. You head straight for a private marquee, doused in Pimms and champagne, and from there to your reserved seats on Centre or Number One courts - where you spend a thrills-and-spills afternoon in the company of Pete Sampras and Steffi Graf ... breaking, every now and again, for a top-up back at your

Such splendid sport, you are assured, is totally egalitarian; it is limited only to those who took the trouble to apply for tickets three aeons ago. (A cynic, however, might feel that exceptions are made: when David Seaman and Paul Ince arrived, on Saturday, how could they have known; until three days earlier, that they would even be free? But enough of the sour grapes...)

The wrong way goes something like this: you haven't got tickets for either of the main courts, nor even reservations for the seating on Court Two - but, hey! You can go anywhere else! Like over 6,000 people each day. you can queue for ground passes that give access to 14 other courts and, so they coax you, you can soak up the atmosphere. Watch some great tennis. Have a marvellously British day

out. Really? Realty, no. To be fair, first impressions are just hat: impressive. Breaking the rule that everything you see on television the stature of newsreaders, the set of EastEnders - is smaller in real life, the Wimbledon complex is far, far bigger. Vast. You need a map and a sturdy line in footwear. It is also quite divinely genteel; if your last live sport-



There, but not there: Without a ticket for the show courts even the big screen relaying the main matches serves only to emphasise you are an outsider

ing event was - as was mine - Arsenal at home to Tottenham, and in the week of the infamous "Achtung" fever, this is another world.

Everything is Madam-this and Madam-that and do-let-me-showyou-the-way. Refugees from the WRVS staff cosy information kinsks placed all over. Noticeboards refer not to the men's singles, but to the gentlemen's singles. The English po-licemen really are wonderful, bright, kind and charming. And if you do step into a pool of strawberry-hued vomit, it's still a long way from Arsenal. The trouble is, it's also a depress-

ingly tong way from the traditional image of Wimhledon. Of course the strawberries and cream are there, and of course the prices are all that is rumoured. (It was a chilly day, I came unprepared, so I was fleeced £30 for a revolting logo-ed acrylic sweater that will never, ever, be worn again.) But far more in evidence is the Styrofoam-ctad portion of chips, the beer in paper cups, and the smell of cheap, stir-fried noodles vying with the ubiquitous pong of cold slices of pepperoni pizza. In the "food village"

hoards of young people sprawl on the ground, pigging out like crazy. What-ever a tennis fan is, they look like

mething else. For the real fan, there is scope for satisfying the groupie in your soul, which lies in hanging around the practice courts. There you stand within breathing distance of, for instance, Conchita Martinez as she serves.

stand just two feet from the umpire's note. On Court Seven, for instance, chair and watch a pair of Germans, Probst and Singer, in women's -sor-ry, ladies' - doubles: they slap a high five on each other after each successful shot, the sound ringing out.

You can eavesdrop on the gossip. most of which - as with any event that covers more than one day - is de-

a large crowd has just dispersed following Jeremy Bates's defeat in the gentlemen's doubles, when a leggy cott of a tass takes his place. A bare handful settle in to watch, for who has heard of Amanda Janes? They might have thought twice, however, if they had noticed Christine Truman signed to make you certain that you join the handful - presumably on

The big stars do not mingle with our madding crowd. Guards allow a peek inside, but it's like pressing your nose against the window of a party to which you have not been invited

serves and serves again in a mixed group of four. No tennis whites here: no ceremony either - they pick up their own balls and feed them to each other with infinite patience.

The outside courts are passingly interesting. It is nice to be able to touch the manicured grass, impos-sibly pert though it is. Comforting to see that even Court 17 gets its Robinson's Barley Water. You can

came on the wrong day. Such ex- temporary compassionate leave from citement you have missed! They her commentating duties. For this are still in mourning for the passing was her daughter, making her Wimof Agassi and, inexplicably, for that bledon debut. It was not until Amanda was of the charmless hrat Seles. And poor old Boris, what a dreadful

leading 3-0 that the interest began to pick up. Passers-by would pause: thing to happen ... indeed, a queue has formed at an information kiosk You can see who she is," they murto ask: "How is Mr Becker today?" mured. "Just took at those tegs. And if you are very fortunate, you Quite a good player, too." The word might just find an outside match of passes along, and by 6-4, 4-2 in her

tual victory Amanda tells me, hlushing with endearingly unconcealed excitement, "I've never had so many people clapping me in all my life". But, in spite of such unexpected delights, the day feels unsatisfying. First, because it is hard to believe that much of the milling crowd is there for the tennis at all. The tast seed in

the bottom half of the gentlemen's draw, Wayne Ferreira (11) from South Africa, is playing his heart out on Court 13 - to lose, of course, in the end - against Sweden's Magnus Gustafsson. The third set ends, still with all to play for, and at least 50 spectators waddle off to meet the

chums they had previously agreed to meet for another paper cup of beer. Mostly, the day falls apart because of the feeling of being an outsider.

favour, we number a coupte of hun-

dred while a few professional press

Nikons are clicking like mad and do-

ing nothing for the poor kid's poise.

After three consecutive double faults she blushes. It is hardly a sporting

atmosphere; her little American op-

ponent serves aces that meet with no

applause at all, while after her even-

And everything contrives to add to that. As Amanda Janes was playing, roars and screams from the Sampras match on Centre Court punctuated the wind. That, you know, is where it is really happening - and the score-board outside and hig screen transmitting the match to the hoi polloi only

emphasise the sense of exclusion. The hig stars do not mingle with our madding crowd. They keep to their own, behind the high walls. The endlessly polite security guards on Centre Court take pity on the rest of us; they allow, at change of ends. a quick peek inside - but it's like pressing your nose against the window of a party to which you have not been invited.

In the end, having missed Steffi Graf and unwilling to miss Goran tvanisevic, I decided to leg it home for the nearest I would get to a seat with a view. As I leave, an enthusiastic Scandinavian pounces on my "vanderful" sweater: where can he get one like it? "Wonderful?" I say. "It's a piece of tat. It won't last a week." Rather like the happy memories of a day out at Wimbledon, in fact.

Powerboats churn up Cuba's troubled waters

Curiosity has overcome conscience in Havana. The spectacle of the world's fastest offshore powerboats. each costing £1,25 million and each capable of 150mph, churning up the oil slick and public sewage dump that is Havana harbour recently drew more than half a million Cubans to

the crumbling Malecon esplanade. The fact that the murky waters off the Cuban capital have claimed the lives of an estimated 9,000 Cuban balseros or boat people fleeing to Florida makes the staging of a round
if the Class One Offshore World Championship more than a little ironic even crass, in the eyes of many

"How is it possible to invite foreigners to have a boat race in the same place where hundreds of peoplc lost their lives trying to get to Florida?" sighed Antonio, a balsero who was snatched from the Straits of Florida by the US coastguard a quarter of the way to his dream land.

"It is also the same place where the Cuhan navy sunk a hoat carrying more than 70 people, including children, to stop them reaching free

From his spotlessly clean but dilapidated three-room apartment in a once magnificent 1920s colonial building a few blocks off the Malecon (part of the 1950s Havana Grand Prix track) Antonio could, if he wanted, clearly see the blur of the powerboats and their 20-foot plumes of mucky spray. He chose not to.

The clusive taste of freedom is still fresh in his mouth and Antonio finds it hard to look at any boat, especially one that could whisk him to nirvana so quickly. With the incessant rasp of thousands of horsepower echoing around his stark living room, the 32year-old was visibly tortured.

"I can't watch, it is too hard. I know that with one of these boats I could be in Florida in less than an hour. If I went down to look at the race the urge to steal one would be too strong," he lamented, his voice drowned out by the roar of the race.

This is the second year that Italian promoter Mauro Ravenna has brought his aquatic cousin of Formula One to Cuba. It is a case of sporting and political symbiosis for Ravenna and his new friend, Fidel

SPORT IN ANOTHER COUNTRY

Jeremy Hart finds sport and politics entwined on Havana's crumbling seafront

Powerboating needs the estimated £300,000 sponsorship money from the Cuban government as much as Cuba needs the good pub-

licity the powerboats bring. Ravenna, likened to Formula One's supremo Bernie Ecclestone. has lost 30 per cent of his entries to the recession since last year and with just nine races scheduled for 1996, the sport desperately needs new

venues like Cuba. Grand Prix La Isla Grande was the first round of this year's most glamMalaga, Monaco and Dubai. Crumhling Havana is the odd one out.

"The sea is very important for Cuba, and the race is good publici-ty and good prestige," said Ravenna, whose race is not open to Cuban drivers, banned from powerboats for fear they could outrun the Cuban navy to Miami. Instead, the Cubans

took part in a jet-ski support race. The economy here has been affected, unfairly, by the embargo but now tourism is opening up. Cuba has received bad publicity for no reason. Castro has done a remarkable job

even with the US embargo." In spite of the recently exacerbated situation between Castro and Uncle Sam - made worse when Cuban MiG 29s shot down American pilots looking for balseros - the Cubans are welcoming back all racers, including the three Americans in the Dubai-based

Victory team. -Cuba was a lot friendlier than expected." Randy Scism, from Michigan, said. "As an American, we get a pretty hinsed opinion of Cuba and boat race, at best, a public relations before going we were very conown goal.

orous powerboat series, whose nor-mally chic ports of call include changed since last year, but I don't think there will be trouble. This is sport and not politics."

Scism and his countryman Felix Serralles had their race uniforms signed by Castro on the winners' podium last year and admitted to being quite overcome to be in the company of a man portrayed as the

long-time enemy by Washington. In spite of the US embargo, Cuba has not suffered unduly in the sporting arena. Its middle distance athletes and high jumper Javier Sotomayor are expected to shine in the Olympics and Ravenna suspects the government have only sponsored his race "as propaganda to remind the Americans how well Cuba will do in Atlanta".

But Castro could have chosen virtually any sport for Cuba's first role as host to international competition since the Pan American Games in Havana five years ago. The fact that Cuba's balseros have become as much a symbol as the Vietnamese boat people makes the choice of a

SPORTING VERNACULAR

No 4 VOLLEY

A powerful voiley is an indispensable part of the armament of any good grass court player, as Tim Herman demonstrated on Monday with a line diving return.

It doesn't do any harm in winning over the crowd either, for whom the sudden, aggressive in-terruption of the familiar strikeand bounce rhythm of a long raily offers an almost subliminal thrill,

a sort of physical syncopation.

And that aggression and attack should be associated with the volkey is hardly surprising - the word has its origin in the Latin volume, to fly, and its earliest uses are related to the arts of war, rather than sport.

Oddly, it is artillery that gets the earliest citation in the Oxford English Dictionary, rather than archery, from which the term must have originally come. To let fly an arrow (a projectile, after all, which has "flights") would seem to be a far more natural construction than to which "fire" is the instinctive verb. In tennis the term is originally

used to describe the flight of the ball before it has bit the ground a usage that is technically more important in Royal Tennis but survives in the modern game in the phrase "taken on the volley". Now, of course, the word has become transferred to the stroke that reverses the ball's flight through the air when a commentator exclaims "Oh, lovely volley!" it is the action of the player that excites his admiration as much as the subsequent trajectory of the ball.

Similarly in football, a volley describes a ball struck in the air but also conveys information about the force and directness of the kick.

In sport the volley, for obvious reasons, is always singular - a distinction from military uses where it commonly suggests many rapid or simultaneous shots. But if Tim Henman proceeds much further at Wimbledon he will find that professional tennis accommodates a hint let fly a cannonball, a weapon for of that, too - returning to the press

box to face a volley of questions. Thomas Sutcliffe

'If judges in boxing and the Eurovision song contest can decide on winners there is no reason why they should not in football'



4 sports letters

Sir. There is much despair at the way in which the actual 90 minutes of football is increasingly reduced to a warm-up for penalty shoot-outs.

Unfortunately the dynamics of modern football at the highest level tend to produce lowscoring draws in knock-out competitions in general and in Euro 96 in particular. The prospect of extra time (with or without "golden goals")

and/or replays merely rein-forces the long-haul mentality and protongs the agony. Thus some form of decider is required. However, the key point is that the decider must he settled before the 90 minutes

starts, so that: 1) the decider would be reduced in status to a warm-up or prefude: 2) the 90 minutes of play

would be restored in status to

EURO 96 POSTSCRIPT

England's elimination from the tournament by means of the penalty shoot-out has attracted a heated response from Independent readers. Here are a selection of your views

players and ensure the winners

3) throughout the 90 minutes. From Mr G Ravenscroft one side would know they were going to lose unless they managed to score during the 90 minutes and could plan on that basis 4) the 90-minute whistle would be restored in status to

the climax of the event. The principle of starting a game knowing the result in the event of a draw is not new. For example, when Scotland started to play Switzerland, they knew a draw would not be good enough. The principle should be extended to knock-

out games. TIM KNIGHT

Sir. After England's disappointing elimination from Euro % might it not be a better idea in future to stipulate a penalty shoot-out be concluded when one side has scored five penalues and is at least two goals clear of the opposition? While this would prolong the duration of any future "shoot-out" it would spread the onus of responsibil-ity for any defeat to at least two

demonstrate greater consistency rather than greater fortune. GRAHAM RAVENSCROFT Crow-hurst

Sir. I have sat through numerous defensively played - and thus tedious - Euro 96 matches which have still had to be decided by penalty kicks despite the "golden goal" rule. The idea

does not appear to be working. One thing would save players and viewers at least half an hour of unnecessary and exhausting extra time: have a penalty shoot-out at the start of every match. If the ensuing match ends in a draw, the penalty results can then decide the winners. Matches should be much more interesting because at least one of the teams, the losers of the shoot-out, would have a real incentive to score. SALLY ALGER London SW19

From Mr R McTell Sir: The ideas expressed in Trevor Haylett's interesting arncle about penalues (28 June) reflect my own. For the result of a match at this level to fall on the shoulders of one player is not only unreasonable but to-tally against the spirit of a team game. Whether his proposal to reduce the teams' size after extra time is ever adopted I have ber of points from the earlier no way of knowing, but an al-ternative must be found.

I trust you will pass on further correspondence to Gareth Southgate to reassure him that a nation does not blame him for the outcome and that those of us who enjoy football for its team qualities urgently seek another way. Otherwise we would be watching tennis! RALPH McTELL London SW15

From Mr J Connolly
Sir: The principle behind a penalty shoot-out is the inevitability of one of the teams sooner or later ending up with fewer goals than the other. Whether the miss comes from team A or B. from Joe Bloggs or Hans Fritz,

is a matter of indifference. The loss of a coin would demonstrate this better than the present practice, would free the misser from undeserved feelings of guilt and place the hlame, if hlame it can be called, squarely on the shoulders of the true culprit: fate, luck, chance. or whatever you want to call it. JAMES CONNOLLY Manchester

From Mr S Willis Sir: Having ground my way through two goalless draws at Old Trafford and with Euro 96 enduring four shoot-outs out of seven in the knock-out matches, thoughts turn to replacing the lottery of the shoot-out with systems with at least a modicum of rationality.

For example, the quality of performance during the tournament as a whole, with goal difference the obvious choice and the team with most goals winning in the event of a tie on goal difference. Or the quality of performance during the match, to be decided on points by judges. Plus points would be based on number of corners. amount of possession and artistic interpretation (points for hackheels, overhead kicks and

"nutmegging" defenders).
Minus points would be for fouls committed, bookings, sendings-off and percentage of

time in possession in own half. If judges in boxing and ice skating (and the Eurovision Song Contest!) can make deci-sions at world title and Olympic level, there can be no reason why the same should not apply in football. At least the team that has contributed most to the tournament or the match will go through and, in the majority of cases, where there are draws the best team will have won. STEWART WILLIS Bowdon, Cheshire

From Mr N E J Crawshaw Sir: Would it not be more interesting to see a unified team, chosen from both sides - whoever they might be - going on to the next leg when the outcome of a match is a draw? NEJ CRAWSHAW

Cottingham, Leicestershire

From Mr A Hill Sir: For an alternative to penalty shoot-outs when a match has played full extra time I suggest

the following procedure.

Both goalkeepers are taken off the pitch and not replaced. The remaining 20 players continue playing for 10 minutes.

The first goal ends the match. If there is still no score when the 10 minutes are up, two

players are withdrawn from each side the order having been decided by lot before the

minutes with again the first goal being decisive. After another 10 minutes, another two are withdrawn and so on. ANDREW HILL Windlesham, Surrey

From Mrs S Creswick Sir. I am not particularly a football follower, but, as has been shown in Euro 96, it does seem unfair that the result of a team game can be decided by a one-to-one confrontation. If I recall correctly, draws in bookey games were decided on the basis of the number of (short) corners awarded. Has this ever been considered for football? SUSAN CRESWICK Upper Cam

From Mr A Haggis Sir: An exciting spectacle it may be, but penalty shoot-outs are surely too much of a lottery to be used to decide matches in a major international competi-

The logical solution is to take into account each team's results in earlier matches, using points from the group games and adding further points as a team progresses through the knock-out stages (three for a win in 90 minutes, two for a win in extra time and one for a win on the hasis of previous points). If, after 90 minutes plus extra time, the teams are inseparable, the team with the higher numgames would go through.

Everyone would know before the start of the match which team would progress in the event of a draw after 120 minutes. This in itself creates the excitement.

There are those who would argue this would encourage the team set to benefit from a draw to play negatively. This might happen, hut to sit back and defend for 120 minutes against 2 team that knows it has to score would be very risky. And in any case, to play for a draw in 2 quarter- or semi-final would mean settling for only one ca-tra point which might count against the team in the event of a deadlock in their next game.

The beauty of this method is that both teams know exactly what they have to do. The team which has achieved the lesser results in the competition knows it has to score a clear-cut win to progress, otherwise it will lose out to the team which has achieved the better results up to then. How can anyone argue this is not fair? The team that gets results consistently in the whole three weeks of the competition are far more likely to be the ultimate winners under this system. There is no lottery to get in the way. ALISTAIR HAGGIS

From Mr R Miller

London W14

Sir. At the risk of stating the obvious, I think all that is needed is to make it easier to score normal goals. This could be easily done by increasing the height of the crossbar by, say, three inches, or however much it takes to hring enough goals to make it extremely unlikely a shoot-out would ever be needed. RICHARD MILLER Sheffield

From Professor D R Harvey Sir. Deciding the winners in knock-out competitions still seems worth further experi-ment. What about an alterna-

tive as follows. In the first period of extra time, withdraw goalkeepers. each team plays with 10 men and make the goals 10 per cent higger (easily achieved with telescopic crosshars and posts mounted on tracks). If there is still a draw at the end of the first period, withdraw two more players per side. If there is still a draw at the end of the second period, there'd be an appeal to

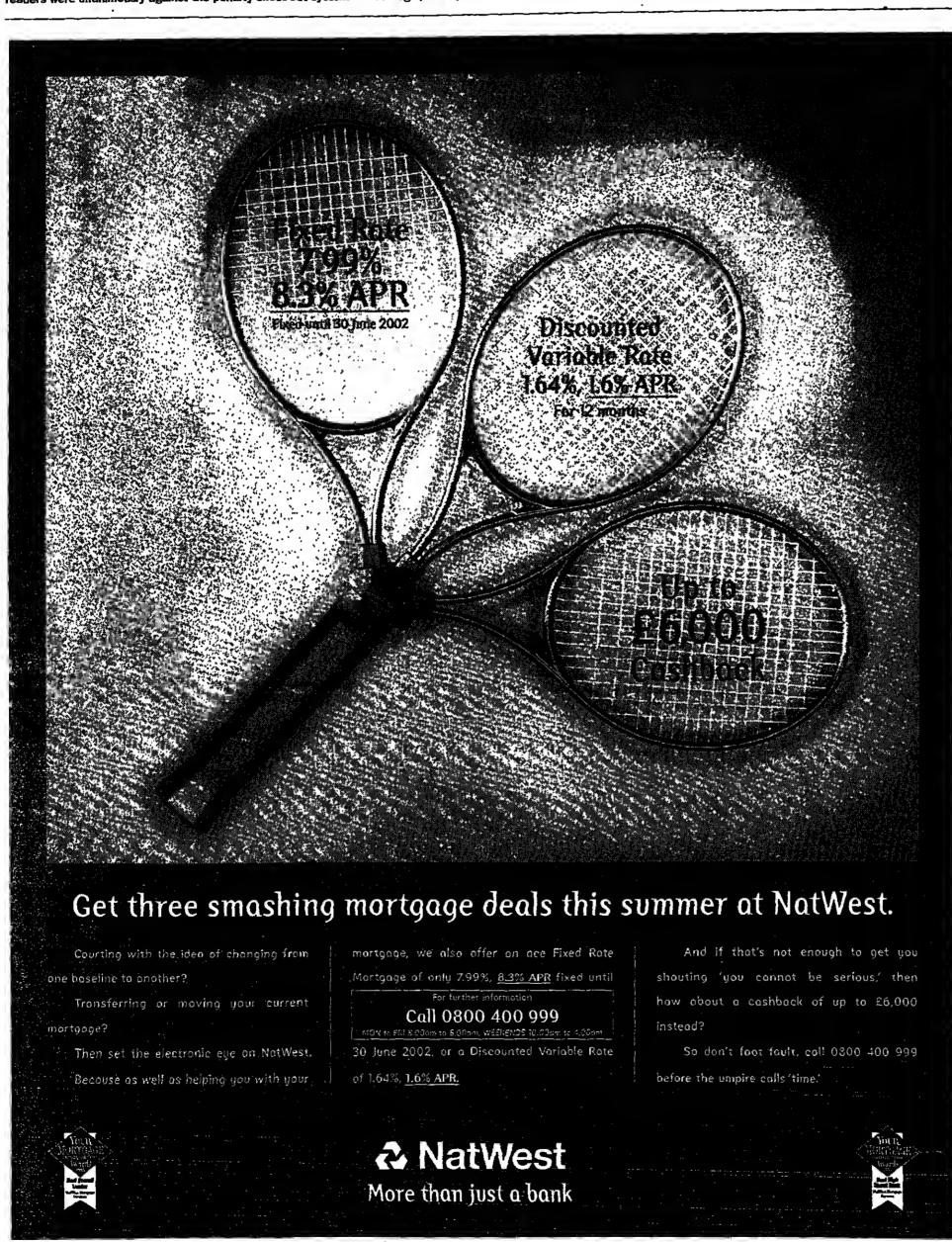
a jury of three to five people. This jury would be agreed by the managers of the teams prior to the game, from a panel established by the governing body of the competition and ratified by all the participating teams.

The jury might take "objective" facts such as shots on goal, corners won and fouls conceded as a base for their judgements, but should adjudicate on the basis of the quality of football played by the two sides.

This scheme provides much stronger incentives to play more positive football and has a hetter blend of excitement with equity than a penalty shoot-out.

DAVID HARVEY University of Newcastle upon Tyne

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YOUR HOME IS AT RISK IF YOU DO NOT KEEP UP REPAYMENTS ON A MORTGAGE OR OTHER LOAN SECURED ON IT.



a star, then? Well, maybe not. He Brentford; but when they asked for and he said "Old Famhamians"

Racket face: MaiiVai Washington is partially obscured during yesterday's straight-sets win over the Dutchman Paul Haarhuis

Krajicek confirms Stich's worst fears

No one can say that Michael Stich did not warn us. The 1991 champion had complained when Richard Krajicek was transplanted into his half of the draw and yesterday roost in the fourth round.

The German 10th seed was besten 6-4, 7-6, 6-4 on Court One to underline his own forecast that the men's draw had been unbalanced when Krajicek, a grass-court specialist, had replaced the unfit Thomas Muster on the eve of the championships. At least his predictioo was confirmed quickly, a matter of 1hr 49min.

RICHARD EDMONDSON

consolatioo in his fourth-round

defeat yesterday by Alex Rad-

ulescu, who leads Wimbledon's

old, the world No 91, went into

the match with a similar num-

and added a further 10 as he

her of aces in the tournament

The Romanian-born 21-year-

bazooka count.

Neville Godwin

enjoys watching sports. That must

have been some

reaches for a moan with the ease be hits a ball. "That's the best he's played," he said of his op-ponent. "All credit to him; he

featl a little bit better than I used to maybe. I'm still not happy about it but there's nothing I can do about it especially if you. play someone like Richard who had a very good day. I didn't play my best tennis. Unfortunately that happens."

Krajicek, not seeded but ranked 16th in the tournament, felt that the key was his mind, latter of 1hr 49min.

a commodity that is oot always

For just a moment yesterday
rock solid. "Today I concen- it appeared that Sampras might

would have given full vent to his match," he said. "I was picking unhappiness but Stich is a reformed man and no longer but if you get behind the ball it's easier to return.

"I expected to be seeded here," he continued, "but it didn't happen. I think I've deserved to win and I wish him project them [the seedings com-luck for the next comple of mitter wone."

Tounds. "I think I can accept it ide-

the fastest servers in the game. There were rallies but very few developed beyond three shots. Power was everything, subtlety something best left to the women. Krajicek woo because his returns were more accurate, something he will hope he carries with him to his quarter-final today against the champion.

Pete Sampras. Grumpy of the men's game trated very well for the whole not make that appointment.

The crowd knew it, his oppo-nent sensed it and Sampras, well, he had other things on his mind. Like, would be get away from the All England Club without the use of a stretcher.

The point of no return occurred during the third set of his 6-4, 6-4, 6-2 win over France's Cedric Pioline wheo Sampras got to the ball but his momentum carried him towards a chair and serious injury. "I had only one place to go," he said, "and that was up. I was looking for some land."

Shades of 1966 again when Roy Emerson halted his chance of a third successive men's singles title by crashing into the umpire's chair. Too injured to carry oo properly, he could of-fer only token resistance against

of a first hat-trick since Fred Perry disappeared.

A sense of destiny has followed Sampras this time, however, and no obstacle appears likely to halt his charge towards a fourth successive title. He vaulted over the chair, landed on the ball box and somehow reached terra firma without

"I kind of tweaked my back a bit, but it's not too bad. A little bit of a scary situation out there. I won 11 points in a row after that so I guess it wasn't too bad."

In these rarefied times, no men's match goes by without some reference to Tim Hen-Owen Davidson and his chance yesterday but as far as Winn- pace a little bit."

Wheo the heavy artillery

keeps coming it can hypnotise

the returner. It happened to

Sampras against Ivanisevic in

the 1992 semi-finals here and

it happened to Godwin yes-

and forth along the baseline

like a doleful sectry.

Boys' singles

bledon was concerned the chief interest in that was his potential as a semi-final opposed for the British No.1.

It was something that was not lost on the American after his 6-3, 6-4, 6-2 win over Paul Haarhuis. Referring to his recent past Washington recalled the Nottingham tournament weeks ago, and was deliberately vague: "I lost to some guy," he said, "I doo't know. Henman or something."

There was nothing vague about the world No 20's tennis yesterday, particularly his serve which he mixed wonderfully against ooe of the better returners in the men's game. "If you're coming down with heat man. MaliVai Washington at a good 120mph then you can reached to the quarter-finals for maybe serve and volley a bit," the first time in a Grand Slam he said. "I have to change the

Court circular Rosewall rolling back the years

Gonzales, as one of the two best players who never won the singles title.

Fraset, who is partnering 1966 champioo Manolo Santana of Spain in the Over-45s, does not have such a good record as Rosewall

the fer the . Match points are traditiqually tense - but spare a thought for Karolina Jagien-iak, She led Ireland's Claire Curran 6-1, 5-1 and 40-30 and was preparing to serve at match point in their girls Court 15.
But rain intervened and

the unincky French girl was left freming for three-and-awrapped up the point needed for wiciory.



in Camerbury are ar-but in a loff in crime to the Car thieves Car thieves are too glued to go out stealing.

ROUTE TO THE FINAL

Lewis, director of national Remember, it is not just Tim.

PREST ROUND: J Schonfeldova (Cz Rep) bt P Palencia (Max) 7-5 6-4; K Stracty (Pol) bt M Kovacevic (Cros) 6-4 6-4; K Marosi (Hun) bt C Popestu (Can) 6-0 7-6; P Schryder (Switz) bt R Sandu (Rom) 6-2 6-0; A Elwood (Max) bt 6 Walshows (Swi 5-7 6-4 6-3; A Tordoff (GB) bt I Seljutina (Ksz) 6-2 6-1; S Kleinova (Cz Rep) bt A Soukup (Can) 6-1 6-4; S Reeves (US) bt F Zukusga (Con) 6-4 6-6 7-5; A Cocheteux (Fr) bt R Teperberg (Itr) 6-3 6-2; C Black (Zmr) bt M White (US) 3-6 6-0 6-0; A Morigami (Japan) bt J Chudriury (GB) 7-5 6-4; Z Valeiova (Swi) bt J Lehnhoff (US) 6-1 6-2; Y J Cho (Shor) bt A Sebova (Swi) 7-5 6-2; T Poutchek bt K Sreborink (Slo) 6-4 7-5 second RDUND: M Luco (Croa) bt E Koullkeep things in perspective,

We had seven players in the secgive a better image to British tennis. We have the No 1 junior in the world in Martin Lee, and James Trouman is in the top 20. Then, of course, there is Luke Milligan. We have always thought he would be a good player and his two wins will give

1980s, knows what pressures players are under, but says: "As iong as the coaches and players

terday. He became increasingly dispirited, trudging back round." It is not unknown on these lawns for a player with a mod-Before he brought his erate all-round game to be rescued by his service. The suftcase to SW19 Radulescu had never played in either a chap whose postman delivered Grand Slam or a five-set to an address at Lookout match. Now he has become Mountain, Tennessee, proved that. And Radulescu helieves only the fourth player to win that now, 18 sets into Wimbledon, he has finally dislodged the rust from his game. Washthe bottom quarter, one of ingtoo should start practising Lewis expects **British revival** FBST ROUND: M Russell (US) bt D Sciontro (II) 6-7 6-2 6-2; M Senstrand (Swe) bt M Levy (Ist) 7-6 6-4; D Braccleil (II) bt Z Krajan (Croe) 6-4 7-5; N Massu (Chie) bt M Beber (Cr Rep) 6-3 5-7 7-5; J R Brandt (Gar) bt S H Lee (Skor) 6-1 6-2; J Robichaud (Car) bt Y Allego (Switz) 4-6 6-1 7-5; G Abrans (US) bt S T Pender (GB) 1-6 6-0 6-3; I Ljubicis: Croe) bt F Gonzaler (Chie) 6-1 6-4; P The man responsible for the development of British tennis players, Richard Lewis, believes cic (Cros) bt Ferruer (ISB) 1-56-0 6-3;) Libb-cic (Cros) bt Ferruer (Chile) 6-1 6-4; P Wassesis (Netri) bt S Gaori (Aus) 6-2 6-2: S Grogiean (Fr) bt C Naviewongse (Tra) 8-6 6-1; W Whitehouse (SA) bt W Herbert (GB) 6-3 3-1;) Crabb (Aus) bt A Assuriss (Gu) 6-0 6-0; D Roberts (SA) bt P Kralet (Cr Rej) 7-5 6-4; V Volotifon (Bela) bt L Homa (Peru) 6-1 7-6; M Daniel (Braz) bt F Aligauer (I) 6-3 7-6 Tim Henman's outstanding run at Wimbledoo will inspire all young home players. training and coaching, said: 6-3 7-6 SECOND ROUND: R Cadert (77) bt. A Parmer (GB) 6-1 8-4; A Di Pasquele (F1) bt. R Vik (Cz Rep) 6-3 6-4; M Lee (GB) bt. D H Kim (SKO) 6-2 6-4; A Hadad (B1) bt. K Kim (US) ond round and it has all helped

him far greater confidence.

"Our current top players have a good number of years to look forward to and others, like Simoo Dickson who is No 2 in the world at under-15 level, are coming through."

British tennis can only advance."

Bazooka man has Washington in sights the effect of spinach on Popeye. finals. But will it be him? Radulescu himself is not touched by the coormity of what he might achieve as he remains in a haze of thankfulness. Every match for me, after the first round, is a bonus," he said. "I almost lost in the first

earning, I hope no-Jody Wakes me up ex Radulesch of Weville dwill to reach the

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has played. When there are five clearly thinks it is a bit wasteful not to use them all. Before yesterday his three encounters had gone the full distance. He disposed of the No 15 seed, Arnaud Boetsch, in the first round and then survived four match points against Stefano Pescosolido in his following match. The longer it goes on, the more astonished Radulescu

swept through to a quarter-final with Mali Vai Washington 6-3, hope nobody wakes me up," As a boy, Radulescu used 6-0, 6-4. Godwin walked off to open his eyes in Bucharest (he now wakes up in Germany, where he has taken us- from God."

Men's singles

6-36-06-4

6-46-46-2

Men's doubles

Holder: P Sampras (US)

A Radulescu (Ger) bt N Godwin (SA)

M Washington (US) bt P Haarhuis (Neth) 6-3 6-4 6-2

T MARTIN (US) bt. T Johansson (Swe) 3-6 6-3 7-5 6-2

SAMPRAS (US) DE C PIOLINE (FI)

R Krajicek (Neth) bt M STICH (Ger) 6-4 7-6 6-4

Holders: T Woodbridge and M Woodforde

E FERREIRA (SA) and J SISMERING (Neth) bt J A Conde and A Condets (Sp) 7-6 6-4 6-4

J P Heurien and G Raoux (Fr) bit is

KNOWLES (Bah) and 0 NESTOR: (Can) 7-6 4-6 6-4 6-4

BLACK (Zim) and G CONNELL (Carl) bt M GOELINER (Gar) and Y HAFE

NINOV (Rus) 6-4 4-6 6-4 6-7 9-7 M PHILIPPOUSSIS and P RAFTER (Aus)

bt T Kempers and T Nijssen (Neth) 2-8 6-4 7-6 6-1

2-8 6-4 7-6 6-1 G PORGET (Fr) and J HLASEK Switz by P Pala and P Vizner (IZ Rep) 7-8 6-3 6-7 6-2

6-7 6-2 Women's singles

Holder: S Great (Ger)

high total of service winners has tionality) and be dragged out been the number of games he of bed by his father, Sergiu. "My father started [playing] sets available in a match he late, at 30, and he wanted a sparring partner," Radulescu

Jnr said In those days, the young boy's tennis experiences were far removed from the chinking teacups of summer-evening tennis at an English local club. "In the winter I had to wake up at five in the morning to play in-doors," he said. "We played 10 to a court."

He probably started serving becomes. "I'm dreaming and I quickly then to keep warm.
"I'm trying to hit the ball when it's very high," he said. "It's easier to serve on grass because it's so fast, but I think it's also a gift

Women's doubles

Second round

Third round

Holder: J Novotna (Cz Rep) and A

R Nideffer (SA) and P H Shriver (US) bt. L M MCNEL (US) and N TALIZIAT (Fr)

C MARTINEZ (Sp) and P TARABINI (Ang)

Y BASUKI (Indo) and C M VIS (Neth) bt

NEJ ARENDT (US) and M M BOLLE-GRAF (North) 6-2 7-6

Mixed doubles Higher: / Stark and M Navagiove (US)

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(Miccond (GB) and A Grossman (US)

6-4-7-5 J. STARK and M. NAVRATILOVA (US) bt A

GALBRATTH and P H SHRIVER (US) bt M Tebbutt and X Radford (Aus) 7-6

M WOODFORDE (Aus) and L NEILAND

M WOODFORD (Aus) and L NELLAND

Bard St B Heigenth (SA) and C Singer

Stat 6-4 3-5 10-8

MISTEL and L Miletell (US) bt K Jones

Stat X S Trankil Spanker (US) 6-4 7-5

Places (Nett) and C Ponek (Ger) bt P

Place and V Luke (GS) 6-2 6-2

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A SANCHEZ VICHOU GUIDAN AND SANCHEZ CONTROL (CC Rep.) bt. P frarer (Aut) 6-4-6-0
M J McGrath (BS) bt. McGrath (EE) bt. P fra(US) 6-3-6-1
S GRAF (Ger) bt.) NCMONA (CC Rep.)
L Serven and R P Shabts (Aus) 5-7-7-6
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L Serven and R P Shabts (BS) bt. H J

perford and S A Siddalf (GB) bt S lean (Neth) and E R De Lone (US)

Kraizmann (Aus) and M Lindstrom (Swe) 6-3 3-6 6-2

Godwin, who was born and lives in Johanneshurg, arrived on court bearing a menacing appearance. With his narrow features and goatee beard he looked like someone who just needed a chunky ear-ring and some cold steel clenched between his teeth before he could join the boys for a spot of ram and board. It soon became clear he would be no more

tion had greeted Godwin at courtside, but, tellingly, it dis-

threatening than Captain Pug-The flag of the rainbow oaappeared midway through the econd set. By that stage Rad-

ulescu was keeping Fyffes in business during the change-

three consecutive five-setters at the championships and is one of four unseeded meo in overs, a diet that seemed to have whom will make the semi-YESTERDAY'S RESULTS FROM WIMBLEDON

GUENTHARDT (Switz) and S GRAF (Ger) w/o G CONNELL (Can) and L A DAVENPORT

(US) bt T Kempers (Neth) and A Oisza. (Pol) 6-2 6-3 Eagle and A Eliwood (Aus) bt S E Davis (US) and P Terabini (Aug) 7-6 6-2 M Ondruska (SA) and K Kschwendt (Ger) bt A OLHONSKIY (Rus) and K 800GERT (Neth) 2-6 6-2 7-5 M J Battes (GB) and N Bradtie (Aus) bt J GRASB and L M WILD (US) 6-7 6-3

Men's over-35 doubles First ROUND: W J Fibak (Pol) and T Wildson (US) the M Bahrami (Iran) and J Hagueras (Sp) 6-3 6-3; M R Edmondson and K Warwick (Aus) bt K Curren and J C Kafe (US) 7-5 7-6; J B Fitzgerali (Aus) and R Sanner (US) bt H Guentheroit (Switz) and B Sancay (Mus) 7-6 6-2; C Dowdeswell and C Lateratory (US) bt B S Gentine of US) and C J Motoram (GR) bt B E Gotthed (US) and R Ramirez (Mex) 7-6 5-7 6-4; P Fleming and H Pister (US) bt T R Gulikson and L Shires (US) 7-6 6-7 6-3; P Storil and T Smid (Cz Rep) bt A A Mayer and G Mayer (US) 6-3 6-3; S Glickstein (Isr) and P F McNamee (Aus) bt A M Jarrett and J R Smith (GB) 7-6 7-6

Men's over-45 doubles I Nastase (Rom) and T S Older (Neth) bt N A Freser (Aus) and M Santarie (Sp) 6-1 6-2; K R Rosewall and F S Stolle (Aus) bt G Bermck and M Cox (GB) 6-3 7-5; G Mas-ters and A J Stone (Aus) bt J Kodes (Dz Rep) and A Merrevel (Rus) 5-7 6-3 6-4; J G Alexander and P C Dent (Aus) bt S R Smith (US) and R Taylor (GB) 6-2 6-2

er's over-35 doubles W M. Turnbull (Aus) and S V Wade (GB) bt

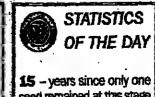
R Casals (US) and B F Stove (Neth) 6-3 6-2; J M Durie (GB) and A E Smith (US) bt B Nagelsen and J C Russell (US) 6-3

SECOND ROUNDE M Luce (Cros) bt E Koul-Lovskaya (Rus) 7-2 6-4; L Lettmer (GB) bt Z Gubecki (Huri) 6-4 6-4; O Beraber-schinona (Bela) bt N Jagentak (F) 6-4 6-2; J Stack (SA) bt S E Drake-Brockman (Aus)

6-3 6-4; M Grzybouska (Pol) ItLJ Wohr (Ger) 6-3 3-6 6-2

4-6 7-6 6-1; M Sanchez (Mex) bt 0 Sher-wood (GB) 6-4 6-2

Lewis, British No 2 in the ear-



seed remained at this stage in the bottom half of the draw for the men's singles. 23 - years since a Briton reached the men's singles. semi-finals.

101 - aces hit by German Ajex Radulescu so far.

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Your chance to follow Chang's lead

SO YOU WANT TO. **BUY A TENNIS** RACKET

By Tom Chesshyre

During the two weeks of Wimbledon, tennis clubs and public courts up and down the country are traditionally more packed than at any other time

The Wimhledon hug hites: tennis whites are fished out of the back of wardrobes and rackets retrieved from the dark corners of closets under the stairs.

Not surprisingly, it is the peak time of year for tennis racket sales. Some retailers sell as much as 70 per cent of their stock during the Wimhledon period. After enviously eyeing the Centre Court stars' flashy new equipment on TV, many viewers decide it is time to upgrade their old wooden. cal-gul. Fred Perry-era rackets for something a little more

However, those tempted into buying a new racket this year have a higger choice than over and selecting the right one to suit your game has hecome something of a monumen-tal, and increasingly expensive.

This summer has seen the massmarket introduction of a whole new range of "extra-long" rackets, which are an inch or two longer from the rim of the racket to the base of the handle than traditional ones. Most used to be 27in, but now some are as long as 29.25in; the legal playing limit set by the International Tennis Federation is 32in.

The idea behind them is to give extra power - by naturally extending the length of the swing - as well as extra reach. These two factors are



Jan Pieters, an LTA-registered coach, tries out the Wilson ProStaff Classic at Paddington Sports Club, west London

particularly useful for shorter play-

breed of rackets - has significantly

ers when it comes to serving.

Michael Chang - prohably the most notable pro to make up for his lack of height by using one of the new

has even named an extra-long racket after him.

There is also a large range of widerimmed rackets - nicknamed "power sticks" - on sale. These are the

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improved his service game; Prince most powerful rackets on the market and were first introduced rough-10 years ago.

They have recently fallen out of favour with professionals as they do not have as much control as con-

ventional rackets, but they are considered suitable for club players lacking in natural strength.

As a guide to what is available this year; we asked Jan Pieters, an LTAregistered coach from Paddington don SW1 4QF. Tel: 0171-915 4000.

County standard: £150 to £200

Sports Club in London, to test out a selection of nine rackets, from three different price ranges. Rackets supplied by Lillywhites of Pic-cadilly Circus, 24-36 Regent Street, Lon-

Photograph: Adam Scott

Morgan aiming to build on Barcelona success

ATLANTA COUNTDOWN

No 3 ROBERT MORGAN

The sacrifices that Britain's No l diver has made in order to keep at the top level of his sport are both an indication of his dogged determination as well as a sign of just how much the Olympics means to many athletes.

Robert Morgan, 29, from Sheffield, trains five hours a day, six days a week. There is little time for anything else; he has no full-time job and relies on a modest Sports Council grant for his income. "I get by, but I don't exactly live in luxury," he said,

without baterness. His dedication has paid off. At the Barcelona Olympics in 1992, Morgan was fifth in the platform event with a total score of 568.59 points, just 32 points away from bronze medal position.

He was also the 1990 Commonwealth champion in the platform event the was silver medallist in 1994) and the 1990 European champion in the springboard event.

Diving bas always been Morgan's all-consuming passion. He was just 17 when be competed in his first Olympics m Los Angeles in 1984 and has been to each subsequent Games

However, his diving career has not been without its setbacks. Earlier this year he was having trouble with his eyesight: his contact lenses were reacting to chlorine in the pool, causing irritation and (inevitably in such a precision sport) affecting his performances.

To right this, Morgan received corrective eye treatment, which means that he no longer has to wear lenses. However, the time this took meant that he missed out on a susbstantial amount of

Britain does not have a particularly strong tradition in diving: our last and only medallists were Brian Phelos and Liz Fer ris, who both won bronzes at the Rome Olympics in 1960.

Morgan, who is taking part in both the springboard and platform events, expects his main rivals in Atlanta to be Russia's Dmitri Saoutine (who beat him into second place in the 1993 European Championship), Michael Murphy (Australia) and Shuwel Sun (China), silver medallist at Barcelona.

How does be rate his chances in Atlanta? "If I can make it into the final 12, anything can happen," Morgan said. "I could produce something special on the day. My fifth position at Barcelona has given me belief in my abilities.

"Although I've had a few injury problems since, I'm as good now as I've ever been and have improved substantially on the springboard recently. I'm not going to Atlanta just to make up the numbers, I have every intention of getting a medal."

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Club class: £100 to £150

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Head Radical Tour, £149.99 Very powerful - this is the recket that -Andre Agassi uses. You can really smash the belt which is good for club-level

However, it's better.

for topspin shots.

Wilson ProStaff Classic, £179.99 "This is the best balanced racket of . those tested. It's not mega-powerful, but powerful enough; and control is excellent. There's baseline players who need to generate that extra bit of hardly any vibration. It suits an advanced strength. There's still good ball control. serve and volley player. Beginners

may find the frame

hard to control."

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Longbody, £199.99 "Like the Dunlop". racket is an extra 1.5 inches longer than average, so it feels odd at first. It's powerfut, has a good balance with little aerodynamic which lets it swing through the air freely."

Dynamite, £199.99 . An extremely powerful racket, but that is about as far as it goes. It feels very light; but it looks a bit like a snowshoe and is not very aerodynamic. Just a gimmick and really only suited in older people who need an extra bit of power. Not too bad for ...

Head Genesis

JUST THE TICKET: a weekly guide to what's on where

The final bell may be about to sound for the Dark Destroyer

The long hours spent pounding the winding road that leads to the summit of Tenerife's volcanic Mount Teide will have given Nigel Beno time to reflect as he prepares for Saturday's make-or-break meeting with Steve Collins in Manchester.

Wilson Sting Comp,

"A good value racket

players. It's got lots.

for beginners and

intermediate club

of control, good

balance and a nice

feel when you strike

the ball. Also there

isn't much vibration.

However, it's not very

powerful and doesn't

handle slice as well

as it does topspin

£49.99

Dunlop Tour

Revelation, £79.99

"It's got a small head

and is very stiff, but

doesn't have much

power you're not

going to blow your

opponent off the

court with it. The

touch player who

racket really suits a

wristy McEnroe-style

likes to go to the net

for volleys. Control is

good and there's

The roadwork at this training camp has become a metaphor for Benn's life as a fighter. As each yard passed heneath him when be sweated through daily five-mile runs, the former two-time world champion moved steadily towards the end of a war-torn career he seeks to prolong. Benn claimed yesterday that were

he to lose to Collins he would retire happy, having had a great career. But giving up is bard to do, as Benn realises. After all, he comes out of retirement to challenge Collins.

The hours of altitude training will count for nothing if, as many feel, nature has called time on Benn's life at the top of the most demanding sport of all. At 32, that point of no return must arrive soon, as it does for every athlete. But it is harder to accept for champion boxers, who lose large parts of their identity in defeat. Particularly Benn, who has bonded so deeply with his audience.

When a tearful Benn announced his retirement following his loss of the World Boxing Council super-middleweight title to Sugarboy Malinga all pretension of Corinthian dein Newcastle four months ago, it was cency.

Saturday's world title fight could be the last for Nigel Benn. Glyn Leach reports

Hammer, £99.99

"This racket is

intermediate club

player, it's stiffer

contact, it has a

hatanced feel and

you can get good control. However, it

does suffer from

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a bit more power. On

largely through frustration at not having given his best for his supporters. They knew be would he back.

Unquestionably, Benn has been the fighter most in tune with his public over the last decade. He scorched his way to 22 consecutive knockout victories after turning pro in January 1987, and the nation welcomed a winner whose style and swagger reflected Britain's competitive aggression at that time. They responded to Benn and he resoonded to them in displays of violent symbiosis.

It was the early prototype of the Dark Destrover that launched the British boxing boom from which Benn, Chris Eubank, Frank Bruno and Naseem Hamed have profited handsomely. The menacing, shavenskulled Benn, complete with barechested entrances and prophesies of destruction, suggested a British boxer could be had, in the best possible way. Benn displayed power and ambition at a time when the national characteristic strove to abandon

But the excesses of that era tempered Benn as well as the nation. The style outweighed the substance and the perpetrators were eventually found out. When Benn defended his Commonwealth middleweight championship against Michael Watson in May 1989 it was after spending the previ-ous night having his hair braided. Benn found himself out-fought and out-manoeuvred. Watson won in six.

Back to basics. Benn relocated briefly to the United States where. incredibly, he sparred for the first time in his career, and won his first world title, the WBO middleweight championship. His image as Britain's baddest man on the planet increased when he blasted the New York street tough Iran Barkley in one round. But Benn's recovery was based on false round and his next defence saw Eubank stop him in the ninth round of a great battle at the NEC Birmingham in November 1990.

However, when Benn stopped the unbeaten Mauro Galvano in three rounds for the WBC supermiddleweight title in October 1992 near Rome, be made history by becoming the only British fighter to win a world title twice on foreign soil.

One year later he emerged as the moral victor from a drawn unification fight with the WBO champion, 40,000 people, the biggest European the Dark Destroyer?

fight crowd of the last 30 years. Benn claims politics robbed him of the decision that night and many agree.
The defining moment of Benn's

career came in February 1995 at the London Arena, when he halted the fearsome American, Gerald Mc-Clellan, in 10 rounds. The atmosphere bristled with nationalistic emotion as the crowd willed Benn to a victory that, though tragic - Mc-Clellan is still struggling to overcome terrible miuries - must rank among the greatest performances by a British fighter.

With that win Benn cemented his place in the public's heart. It is a status that will go unchallenged when be meets Collins, the WBO champion. But while the Dubliner, the favourite, poses no threat to Benn's popularity, he puts his professional future in considerable jeopardy. A loss would be Benn's second in succession, and although it would be only his fourth defeat in 47 fights, the

white-knuckie ride would be over. This time Benn has been preparing behind closed doors. The owners of the Tenerife time-share complex where he has prepared in recent years have not been able to lure in tourists to watch the champ. Benn has realised that Sunday could be the first day of the rest of his life Eubank, at Old Trafford in front of And who would he be were he not

PICK OF THE WEEK

THIS WEEK/Tennis Wimbledon Southfields, London

The first week of Wirnbledon provides the best apportunities for non-ticket holders to see leading players in action, with many playing on the ourside courts in the first few days of the championships. The second week, with most of the major singles matches scheduled for the show courts, offers fewer possibilities, but there is still plenty to watch, with the doubles, junior and veterans events. in full swing. Today, however, is the fi-nal day that Centre Court tickets are allable to the queuing public. From tomorrow onwards fans without tickets will have to settle for BBC coverage of the Centre Court...

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Next week

Details of forthcoming events, with information on tickets and venues, should be sent to: The Sports Desk, The Independent, t Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E14-5DL, Fax. 0171-293 2894.

Compiled by Alister Morgan





When England lost on penalties in 1990, Arthur Smith helped to immortalise the moment in the hit West End play An Evening With Gary Lineker. England's action replay last week provided Smith with fresh inspiration

met Rosie the night before England-Switzerland. I was in a bar talking to friends and then I wasn't talking to friends I was talking to her. I don't know where she appeared from — I didn't really care; she made me laugh and she was beautiful.

She told me Scotland stood no chance on the grounds that McAllister looked too much like Lennie Bennett; she told me too that one of the coaches was called Uhrin and we made a mutual wish that the tournament would be full of foreigners with funny names. I reminisced about the Argentinian player called "Ooh, I'll take a chair." She said she was an Arsenal supporter, so I pretended to hate her for that and started singing "Nayim from the half-way line" while casting furtive glances at her hipster-exposed stomach. She had a chain and stud in her belly and a smile that would melt the heart of Kenny Dalglish. We discussed our respective rituals and agreed that we would both make a point of ignoring all the It's A Knockout poncing about before the game. During Mick Hucknall's drummy dirge she had decided to go upstairs and cut her toe-nails.

The next day it started. After all the build-up which in my case had lasted about two years, the games kicked off. Switzerland. The first half was fantastic and the second half a terrible disappointment. Like some lives I suppose. Rosie rang me afterwards and we cooed and drooled about Shearer's goal. We also agreed that if the lads can't get pissed in the plane on Gazza's birthday then the world's too dull a place. We were getting on really well. Isn't that nice when that happens? I wanted to meet up with her but she said she was flying to Spain that night. I was horrified, but she explained her room had a telly and she'd checked they were

showing all the games.

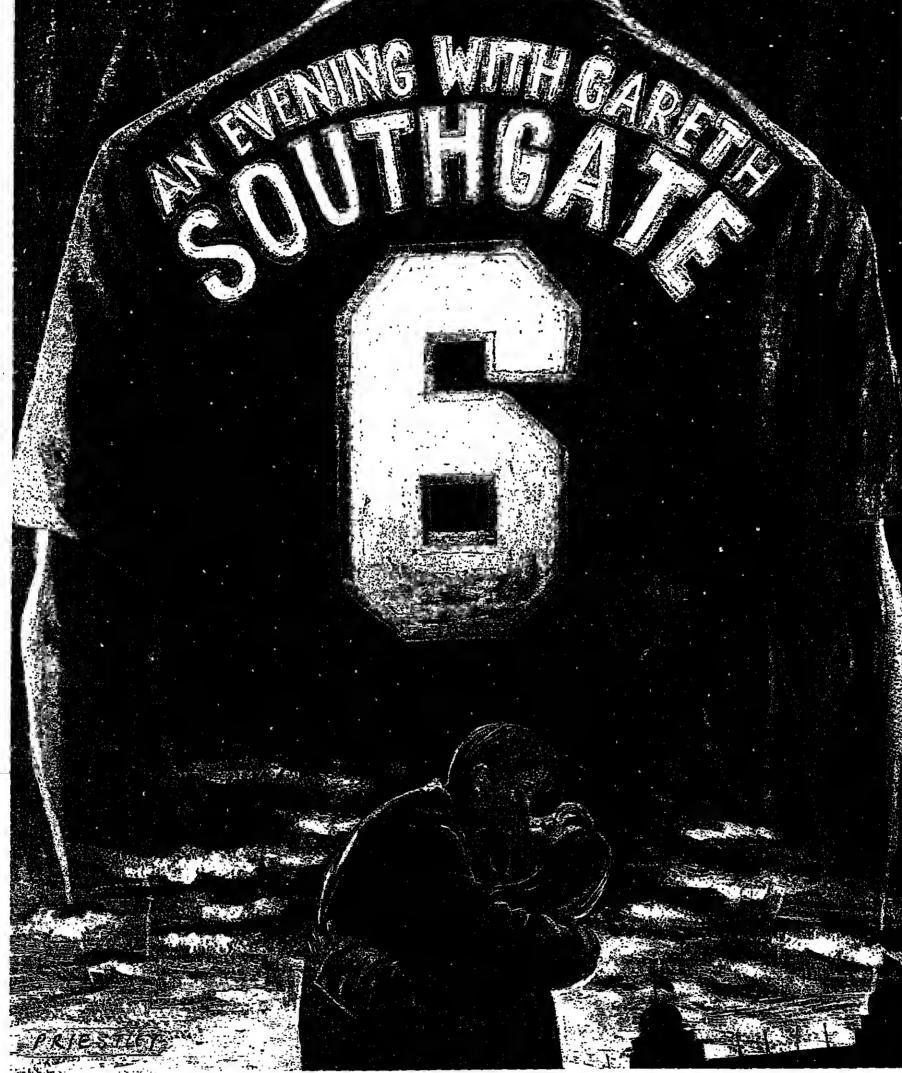
It's not often you have your first kiss with someone at the entrance to the departure lounge at Gatwick Airport.

More likely your last one. It was a proper sexual kiss full of sweet smells and soft tastes.

Eyes shur. Her friend turned

away and giggled. The week shot by. There were games every day bar Wednesday, so that night I went out with my exgirlfriend Kerry and returned the last of her clothes and had sex for the last time I should think. When I got home Thursday afternoon I found in among the post an envelope with two tickets for the Scotland game! Maybe it was some competition I'd entered but on the other hand it was midsummer and that's when the fairies hang out. I was so excited I could hardly concentrate on Bulgaria-Romania.

After Switzerland-Holland,
Rosie rang from Spain to say
they were coming home earby because she wanted to be
in England for the Scritland
game. O heaven! As I walked
home from the pub. it was a
home from the pub. it was a
warm evening and I fell good.
I still had the redundancy
money, the Kerry thing was



sorted, London was full of jolly Dutchmen and entertaining Scotsmen (I never saw a Swiss) and I was going to the big game with a woman I fancied the hipsters off. It could only be topped by an English victory followed by pulsating sex with Rosie.

And lo it came to pass. If I had to name the best day I ever had this one would certainly be up there. It was a day of sun and roaring and jockjoshing and dancing and Gazza. Rosie's tumny diamond was unnaturally sexy against her tan. Later we had sex twice, once for each England goal. The third time we tried we'll let's just say Rosie accepted it as a kind of tribute to Lennie Bennett's penalty.

The next four days were mainly football, sex and take-

away food. We could watch the first game in my bed and the second in my little garden, using my eccentric but effective TV screen-shading contraption. We sat in the subsiding heat and drank alcohol from whatever country amazing capacity to look slightly different, and slightly more interesting every time I looked at her. After Holland, in my ecstasy I told her I loved her. She said nothing but gave me one of her Kenny Dalglish's.

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was playing. Only Croatia and Switzerland presented a problem. We made the same sort of jokes everyone else in the country was making. Sometimes she would be sitting very still and quiet and then suddenly start singing beautiful songs I had never heard before. She had an

hadn't known her, and Alan Shearer hadn't scored an international goal for nearly two years. Shit happens fast. By new everything was football. Who could get worked up about the Beef Wars when Suker was on the hall?

had a mobile and she didn't answer it on those two days. During the long hours leading up to the Saturday I did some brooding. How could the be so trimate so close for four days, 24 hours a day, and then just disappear for two days? Who was this woman who wore a diaphanous dress

Actually, the Thursday and

Friday before the quarters I

watched the Test match but

my heart wasn't in it. Rosie

wasn't there, she was away.

working, I presume. I never

one day and hot pants the next? I am not an inquisitive man, but I'd told Rosie I loved her, I at least ought to know what her surname was. I felt, as my dad used to say, cheesed off.

I resolved to act a bit mean with her when she came round for Spain, but she only arrived just before kick-off and, annoyingly, she had brought a bunch of flowers and a bottle of rioja - no doubt as a pre-emptive strike. I accepted them gracelessly, and we sat down to watch that tense game. By the time the penalties came round we were alternately holding hands and throwing them in the air. The Spanish who missed put their hands on their heads, and we were through - with the bonus of Psycho's magnificent absolution. By the time Des was winding up we were mak-

ing love.

Holland-France was the first game we missed. Afterwards we sat outside a wine bar and had an enjoyable, if incomprehensible, conversation with a Bulgarian.

The wine bar, normally a grim little dive, was alive with football chatter. Rosie won a spontaneous competition to mime Gazza's great Scotland goal. I came last on account of kicking a table over. In all the camaraderie I never got round to confronting Rosie and I never even bothered to ask where she had got the two tickets for the semi that she was suddenly brandishing. I had to accept that Rosie was amazing and unanswerable to me.

As we walked up Wembley Way on the late afternoon of 26 June 1996, I knew that I had become besotted with Rosie, a fearful and thrilling emotion comparable to playing Germany in the semis. She had arrived looking fabulous in a white dress with a discreet red cross above her heart. She had also astounded me by having replaced her short dark hair with a long blonds cut that was somehow not a wig. As Adams led the team on to the pitch we kissed in a way not really appropriate to a football match, even this one. Especially this one.

Throughout the game we cajoled, groaned, shouted, punched the air, stood with our hands glued to our foreheads, the usual repertoire of the supporter but performed with more intensity that I had ever experienced. When the whistle went at the end of the game and they all sat down in the middle of the plich we too sat back, exhausted. Rosie's eyes were shining. I said: "Pm 29, I've got no job, I'm running out of money, I don't know what I want to do, but this has been the best 19 days of my life." "I know," she said.

"Not the football, you."
"I know."

Rosie didn't shout during the penalties, so after the second, neither did I. I knew we were going to win and I knew that I would always be with Rosie. As Southgate stepped up she turned and said: "My thoughts will always be with you." The save. I was aghast. Then she said: "I love you, but I have to go now." And then Möller scored. In the massive silence, as the other German players sprinted in joy towards Möller, I turned back to Rosie and, of course, she was gone. Later that evening I worked out that she'd just ascended into the Wembley sky, It was that kind of night. It was that kind of affair. Rosie, England, summer, all gone in one moment. I felt broken and exhilarated.

Three hours later and with no idea how I got there, I found myself walking through a dark empty street illuminated at one end by the lights of a little pub. wonderfully open. There was only one customer, a young, hunched man. I recognise him. It was Greet South are I bought us both a pint and sat down

with him.
"Gareth," I said, "tell me

bout it."



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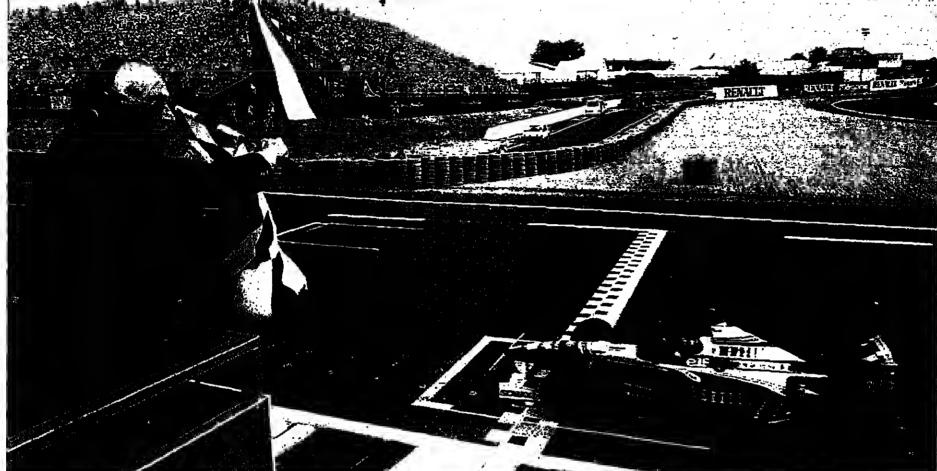
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The latest scores and results

t is traditional on this page to praise the achievements of Dream Team drivers. But Sunday's French Grand Prix produced a performance of total dominance in the engine department, and the engineers of Renault deserve the lion's share of

the praise. Renault engines powered the first four cars home, leaving their greatest rivals. Mercedes and Peugeot, gasping behiod them. Truly, they are worth every penny of their £26 million dream team price, and they are a street ahead in the eogine

The defeat will bave been particularly gaulling for Peugeot oo home soil. They have produced an engine that is generally reckoned to be every bit as powerful as the Renault, but Peugeot are yet to come within sniffing distance of a grand prix win, either with

McLareo last year, or more receotly with Jordan.

Hill top: the Williams No. 1 wins the French Grand Prix at Magny-Cours

And more ignominy was heaped on Ferrari, Schumacher's engine lunchiog itself io spectacular fashion half way round the parade lap. Engineering heads will shortly be rolling at Maranello if things don't improve soon.

On the driver froot, Damoo Hill was totally dominant after Schumacher's early demise. His teammate, Jacques Villeneuve, threatened only briefly to match Hill's pace, and after a poor performance io qualifying was simply outclassed all weekeod.

Schumacher and his teammate Eddie Irvine found themselves down among the Forti and Minardi boys with minus scores thanks to their early retirements, but the bargain of the day was the outstaodingly cheap Ricardo Rosset, who with eight points comfortably

DRIVER OF THE DAY: JACQUES VILLENEUVE

Jacques Villeneuve's selection as Driver of the Day is a fine example of how Dream Team scores reflect the story of an entire grand prix

weekend, and not just the race. His teammate Damon Hill outperformed him in the race (although Villeneuve led briefly during the pit stop sequence) but Villeneuve racked up the points in other ways.

He scored six points in the warm up, five for fastest lap of the race in his pursuit

outscored his more expensive teammate Jos Verstappeo, who spent most of the weekeod playing in the Magny-Cours sandpits. Up at the top end of the field, the

McLaren and Beoettoo boys put

in solid performances to reward

their supporters without ever look-

ing like challenging the Williams twins. All the top teams will be testing at Silverstooe today aod tomorrow, searching for the elusive edge in performance for next week's British Grand Prix. But Damoo Hill made his grand

prix debut at Silverstone io an

uncompetitive Brabham in 1992, and he knows the Northamptonshire track as well as Jacques Villeneuve knows the back of Hill's car. Dream Team managers with Hill on board will be confident of a hefty points return on Sunday week.

of Hill, four points in the most-improved

stakes (courtesy of a poor qualifying

performance) and five for Driver of the

Day. Add 16 points for second in the

race, and you have comfortably the

highest score of the French Grand

Prix. Not bad for a No. 2 driver.

Expect further lucrative drives as

the young Canadian settles in to the

grand prix scene. Who knows, he may

yet challenge Hill for the title, for there

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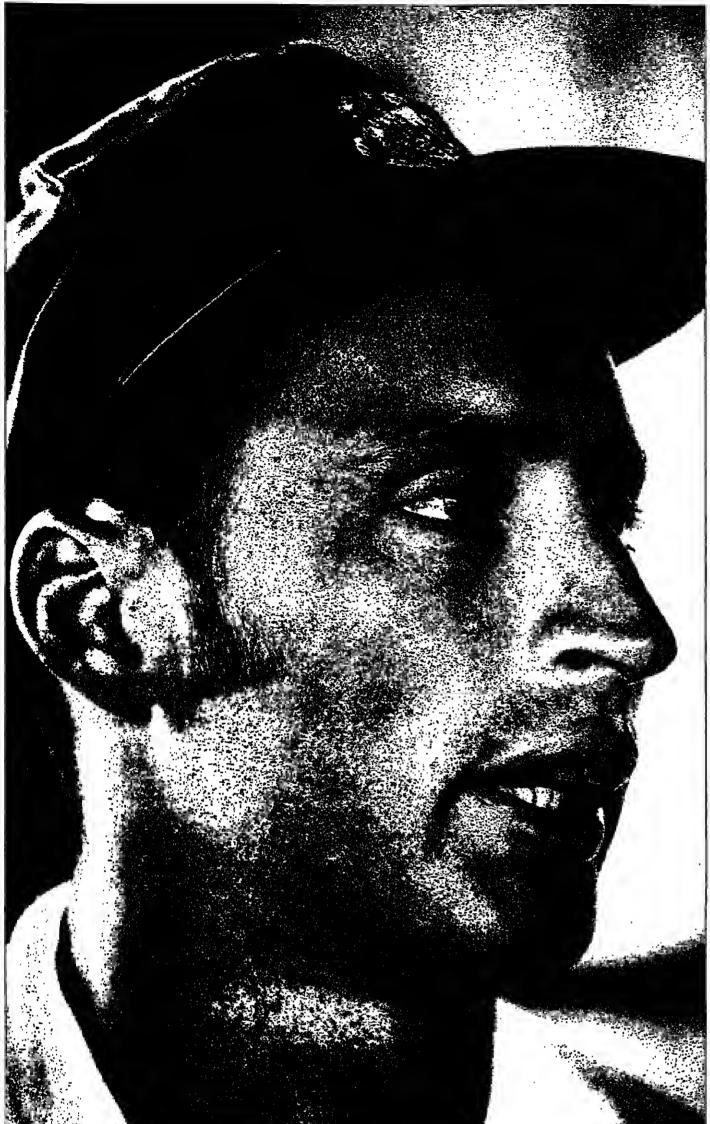
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Looking ahead: Hussain is back in Test cricket, and this time he intends to stay

Responsibility brings the best out of Hussain

raham Thorpe was sitting with his feet up in the dilapidated old pavilion at Southend, reading the paper, 143 to his name and without a care in the world, no doubt looking forward to tomorrow's third. Test at Trent

Bridge.

"Go away Thorpey. I'm doing an interview," Nasser Hussain said as he drew up a couple of stools nearby. "I'll just stay and listen to the first question and then I'll fall asleep,"
Thorpe replied.

It has taken Hussain a while, but

following his century in the first Test against India at Edgbaston hopes are high that he has finally established is place in the England team alongside Thorpe. The third member of the "dream" middle order that played together on the England A tour of Pakistan and Sri Lanka in t990-91 - Mark Ramprakash - is almost certain to return to Test cricket at a later date.

Of the three Hussain is, at 28, the oldest by some 18 mooths, a contemporary of the England captain Mike Atherton (they were born five days apart, Atherton in Manchester Hussain in Madras). He made his England debut, at Sabina Park, Jamaica, before either Thorpe or Ramprakash but a combination of injury, inconsistency and an uneasy relationship with authority has severely limited his opportunities.

While Thorpe was playing his 27th Test and Ramprakash awaits his 20th, Edgbaston was just Hussain's eighth, the last of which had been three years before. To score his first hundred for England, therefore, on a decidedly difficult wicket was all

the more satisfying.
"It was very pleasing," Hussain admitted, "I'd been out of the side and there was a lot of pressure hatting at No 3. There's been a hit of hard work gone in over the past couple of years and it was nice to come in and play a large part towards winning a Test match.

"It was very easy to come back into that side. There were a lot of people I'd played a lot of cricket with. When I first got in the side there were people like Lamb, Gooch, Smith, who were my heroes. It's different playing with people you've known. You don't have to be careful what you say all the time and you can en-

joy the dressing-room atmosphere." Hussain has had his share of misfortune over the years, not the least of which is the fact that his two senior tours to date were both to the West Indies. On the first he managed to break his wrist early on, playing tennis, and on the second, in 1994, he did oot play a Test. On returning to England that summer he began with two centuries in two matches but was left out of the squad for the oneday series with New Zealand.

That was the most disappointed I've ever been at being left out," he said. "I let my head drop a hit and

Once labelled a problem, Nasser Hussain returned to Test cricket in England's awkward No 3 berth, and promptly scored a century. He talked to Adam Szreter

a bit too relaxed and oot that keen on cricket. It only lasted two or three weeks, but form is a funny thing, and once you mess around with it like that you get yourself into bad habits and ed ways. I found myself horribly out of form and for the second half of that season I played poorly."

Hussain's remedy involved getting married that autumn and spendin the winter in Cape Town, working on his game. He returned last summer and enjoyed his best season for Essex, scoring 1,854 runs at an average of 54. He was rewarded with the England A captaincy for the tour to Pak-

"My first thought was that I was a little disappointed because I wasn't on the South African trip. But that was immediately forgotten when I was given the captaincy. It gives you a po-

'I've been relaxed for the last two Tests... I think I'd be a much worse player if I got nervous'

sition of responsibility. A tour, B tour, whatever, it's captaining an England side, you're made to feel important.

"Having said that though, what I needed at that stage of my career was to play for England. That's what I've needed all along. People make a lot of the fact that I've changed, but basically all the way through I've been exactly the same sort of character. I've not changed. It's just that, with responsibility, now I'm allowed to say a lot of things that I wasn't allowed

to say when I was younger.
"So really the main thing is playing for England, not captaining A tours. Graham Thorpe's been on 12 A Tours," Hussain remarked pointedly as his Surrey opponent finally decided be had had enough and wandered off. He may not have been on 12, but it is surprising to realise that "But, Thorpe was on four A tours before he cemented his Test place.

Responsibility was given to Hussain not just by England but by his county too, who made him vice-captain. It has been a sweet chapter of events for a player whose behaviour has apparently not always been as is not the story of a prodigal son -

not yet, anyway.
"The way it's been is just that, with Photograph: Robert Hallam instead of saying, 'I'll show 'em', I all respect to the press, they look at come.

thought sod it, and went out there Nasser Hussain and think, what can we write about him? What can we do about his character? And if you play I0 years in the Essex dressing-room you're going to have the odd little flare-up because that's the way we are. So you get labelled a bit of a bad boy. What annoys me slightly is if you get labelled a prima donna, which is what I'm not. It's just a desire to do well and I've learned to push that aggression into the opposition."

Hussain was out without scoring at Southend, but tomorrow is another day and a chance for another England century. "I'm relaxed about it," he said. "I've been relaxed for the last two Tests and that's the way I'm going to be. I think I'd be a much worse player if I got nervous.

"It's a very important Test for us, we're desperate to win the series after all the hard work we've done. We don't want to let ourselves down by having a poor session, and that's all you oeed in Test cricket really, ooe poor session. We almost had one at Lord's until Jack and Thorpey pulled it round for us."

Looking ahead to the challenge of Pakistan later this mooth, Hussain said: "It will be very hard, we're not kidding ourselves. We've had a lot of good press this summer about the atmosphere in the camp, about how we're playing our cricket. It's key that when things get a bit more difficult, we keep those sort of things going and, like we did at Lord's, show some fight when not everything is going our way. That's what we'll have to do if the balls starts reverse swinging or Mushtaq starts bowling well. We're

going to have to get stuck in.
"They are, on their day, the best side in the world. But as we have seen from them, if you can mess them around a hit and play well against them they can soon have ructions in

their camp."

Despite his chequered career, Hussain has been spoken of as a pos-sible alternative England captain if things start to go wrong for Atherton. "If someone asked you if you want to be England captain, you'd have to look at yourself very hard in the mirror before turning it down,

"But, without putting words into my mouth, that's so far away from what I'm looking at at the momeot. Athers is a great captain, all the boys are 100 per cent behind him. He's a very relaxed character, it rubs off 00 the rest of the boys and we all enjoy his style of leadership."

Atherton, for his part, will merescrene as his cover drives. But this y be hoping his old adversary from as loog ago as county under-I2 matches will be around to eojoy his style of leadership for some years to

Quality batting needed to keep Sussex bowling along

Inactivity during the last round of fix-tures robbed Kent. Leicestershire and Sussex of the opportunity to sustain momentum in what is developing into an intriguingly open County Championship. This time the lead-ers, Yorkshire, who have played at least one match more than all of their rivals, are sidelined as they entertain South Africa A at Headingley over three days, beginning today.

Like Kent in the last round, they may be overtaken in their absence. However, their splendid victory over Worcestershite on Monday, achieved with only 10 minutes remaining on a day when no other match reached a positive conclusion, puts their southern rival under more pressure than might have been anticipated to beat Durham at Maidstone.

Yorkshire's 111-run win at New Road, driven by the performance of Darren Gough, opened up a handy lead for David Byas's confident team. With 140 points in the bank they are safe, for the moment, from Leicestershire and Sussex. On 121 points, second-placed Kent still have Yorkshire within range and they would regret failing to secure a fifth win of the season against bottom-ofthe-table Durham.

Yorkshire's triumph emphasised how competitive they have become under Byas's leadership, underlined afterwards in the words of Richard Stemp, understandably delighted at defeating his former county.

"We never said die and even when the minutes were ticking by towards six o'clock everybody was still giving everything they got," Stemp said. "I think that's a big difference from last year when in the same situation we would have probably petered out and settled for a draw."

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But such qualities are by no means exclusive to Yorkshiremen, and the emergence of similarly positive attitudes elsewhere as counties follow the lead set by Warwickshire is playing a part in making this year's Championship a fascinating contest.

Leicestershire, who thoroughly outplayed Yorkshire at Bradford last month, have developed a strong sense of self-belief under James Whitaker's captaincy while the altiance of coach Desmond Haynes with skipper Alan Wells appears to he working wonders for Sussex, who go into their match against Hamp-shire at Arundel, starting today, in fifth position, having won four of their last five matches

Sussex finished 15th last season, but Wells believes that a bowling attack in which former England pace man Paul Jarvis cannot currently find a place could sustain a title challenge.

"We feel any side is beatable now," Wells said. "At the moment we are bowling as well as a Test attack. It's up to the batsmen to get as many runs as possible because with our howling talent we can win games."

The brightest spark has undoubtedly been the 20-year-old all-rounder Danny Law, fourth in the national first-class bowling averages with 24 wickets at 19.16. Among Englishqualified bowlers with 20 wickets or more only Kent's Mark Ealham, drafted into the Test squad this

week, has been more economical. Jason Lewry, the left-armer, looks an increasingly useful strike bowler

and forms a decent new-ball parinership with Ed Giddins, the county's leading wicket-taker with 30 scalps so far. Meanwhile the leg-spin-ner. Ian Salisbury, after a period in which he seemed to find bowling a

struggle, is back in Test contention. Sussex's batting however, does not inspire quite the same confidence and Haynes is candid enough to admit that there are shortcomings in that department. "If we had one or two batsmen of class alongside the

skipper I would certainly back us to win the Championship," he said. Haynes may find such a batsman thwarting his attempts to make further progress at Arundel, where Hampshire's Robin Smith, with scores of 141 and 179 in his last two Championship matches, will seek to reinforce his hid for a Test recall.

Fourth-placed Leicestershire also face a batsman in form in former England captain Graham Gooch, who arrives with Essex at Grace Road tomorrow with hundreds in each of the last three Championship rounds, his 149 against Surrey at Southend having lifted him to 10th place in the game's hall of centurymaking fame with 124 in his career. one more than Denis Compton and only two short of W.G. Grace.

Derbyshire remain third despite their deteat at Northampton but also sit out the coming round, providing South Africa A's opposition at Chesterfield, starting on Saturday. They may find themselves dropping several places with sixth-placed Surrey and Middlesex (eighth), who meet at the Oval, also in a position to overtake, as are champions Warwickshire (7th), who tackle Nottinghamshire at Edgbaston.

It is now impossible for players to captain both country and county

journalists detect a trend; and last due to tour Malay-week, three things happened in sia, Sri Lanka, Inweek, three things happened in different corners of the cricket world that added up to something

interesting. India again or First, Mike Athertoo took a Pakistan. They also few days off in the Lake District, have home series rather than play in Lancashire's against the West Championship match against Somerset. This had happened before; what was new was that several other members of the England team for Lord's took a break, too Graeme Hick, Chris Lewis and

Peter Martin. Then, almost unnoticed in the papers here, Hansie Cronje regaed as captain of Orange Free State, on the grounds that, as captain of South Africa, he had too many outside commitments. Cronje is 26.

Then, even more unnoticed in the papers here. Mark Taylor resigned as captain of New South Wales. In only 20 months as cap-1ain of Australia, Taylor has established himself as probably the best captain in the world: cool, shrewd, inventive and quietly forceful. He has made the difficult task of succeeding Allan Border look easy; he has returned victorious from the West Indies, unlike Border or any other captain of the past 23 years; and he has persuaded some hard-nosed team-mates that success is compatible with sportsmanship. And at 31, he has time to get even better. Crazy itineraries used to be a facet of cricket in which England led the world, hut now, as in other areas, we are being left hehind by the Australians. In the next 20 months, Taylor

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New South Wales will be able to call on Taylor (not to mention Steve Waugh, Mark Waugh, Michael Slater, Glenn McGrath, Michael Bevan ...) for precisely two matches.

The message is clear: it is now virtually impossible for players from the major cricket nations to captain both their country and their county or state. Atherton, who is younger than most England captains and made of stern stuff. has found the job so demanding that even when he does play for Lancashire, he is a shadow of the consistent run-maker he used to be. Imagine what sort of shape he would be in if he was their captain.

Captains of Pakistan tend to be thrown out before they have a chance to get worn out, and India and Sri Lanka don't play abroad enough to come into the argument. But captaining West Indies and the Leeward Islands, on and off, was ton much for Richie Richardson, who took a year off to recover from exhaustion, and was never quite the

same again. He has been succeeded by has managed to collect captaincy Cricket Monthly.



being older than his international counterparts (34 in October) and a fast bowler to boot. But as he has been official captain of West Indies for only two Tests, it is too early to draw conclusions.

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All this is good news for Nasser Hussain. By captaining England A with distinction last winter, Hussain has established himself as a good captain without having to lead his county. He was disappointed to be pipped to the Essex captaincy 18 months ago by Paul Prichard, and it is by no means clear that it was the right decision for Essex. But it looks very much the best thing for Hussain, who is now able to concentrate on establishing himself in the England side and can switch off to some extent between Test matches. And since he is not captaining anyone, he cannot lose his reputation as a fine leader of men.

If Atherton were to break a finger in the nets today, Hussain would not captain England tomorrow. There is no official vicecaptain for home Tests, but now that Alec Stewart has been demoted to Nick Knight's understudy, the role is thought to be occupied by Jack Russell. He, too,

official county captaio - his one season in charge of Gloucestershire, in 1995, came about because Walsh was oo tour with the West

Russell did well, and became a better, less introverted player for it: but oo wicketkeeper in living memory has been more than a though Russell will encounter two skipper-keepers this winter, in Lee Germon and Andy Flower, it is fair to say that their johs are oot quite so taxing as Atherton's or Taylor's.

Cricketers used to come in two categories, Gentleman and Player, When that dismal distinction came to an end, there was still Capped and Uncapped - a division which if it were brought in in, say, football, would be takeo as a sure sign that the manager had gone mad. These days a third division is taking over: between the internationals and the rest.

Most cricketers in Australia are not even professionals, yet Mark Taylor is expected to earn A\$900,000 (£450,000) in the next two years. He and the other Test regulars are contracted to the national board; so are their opposite numbers in South Africa. In England, such a change will be resisted by the counties. Last week's resting arrangements, tactfully engineered by David Lloyd, show that this is the way things are going, whether the counties like it

Tim de Lisle is editor of Wisden

Since his heady triumph 25 days ago, Haggas has had to grit his teeth during the lameness that ruled Shaamit out of the Irish Derby - and take a deep breath as he watched the Epsom form apparently blown to bits by Zagreb at the Curragh — and yesterday acknowledge that he had run out of time in his efforts to get Khalifa Dasmal's colt ready for Saturday's Eclipse Stakes.

But Haggas is not complain-ing. "Look, I've done what everyone goes into this wanting to do, train a Derby winner. And when the good times come, you've got to enjoy them. The pressures are part and parcel of furlong start the whole thing, but are usually self-inflicted. For some reason fate decided we haven't been able to run since Epsom and it's disappointing. But it isn't the end of the world. There'll be another day for him."

Haggas will probably wear better and live longer than those who fret and fume about shape of the well-appointed bad cards. He looks younger than his 35 years, but his cheerful, toothy, rather ingenuous looks belie the seriousness with which he takes his job.

As a youth and during his training apprenticeship - spent, apart from three months in Australia, in his present base Sue Montgomery on the learning curve pursued by William Haggas

Newmarket - Haggas, by his own admission, played hard. "Wild" was the word he used. But his own training establishment, marriage to Lester Piggott's daughter Maureen and the arrival of their children, Mary-Anne and Sam, brought

a settling influence. Although none of his family have been professionally in-

'If life is a mile race, and my father and grandfather have been clever. then I've got a

volved in the sport, most - like his mother, Christine Feather, who raced the superlative chaser Silver Buck - have been keen, knowledgeable owners, shape of the well-appointed Somerville Lodge Stables. But though his silver spoon

made it easier for him to start, Haggas had henceforth to do his own digging. "I was set up by grandfather; he was the one that made the money," Haggas said. "My old man was a great sup-porter with horses, but I told him I wanted to get to the stage where he wanted to send me his horses because I could train, not because I was his son."

The victory of Yeast, one of four owned by Haggas sur, in the Royal Hunt Cup gave par-ticular pleasure and the gelding may make some amends for Shaamit's absence when he runs in another valuable handicap at Sandown on Friday.
"The great thing was that he'd turned down a lot of money for him the week before. I'd told him to sell, because it was a good offer. But he said he wanted a Royal Ascot winner, and to be able to repay his faith was marvellous.

"The way I look at it is that if life is a mile race, and my father and grandfather have been clever, and I've been lncky, then I've got a furlong start. It's then up to me whether I'm capable of getting to the end in front, or whether I swerve off the track and be a complete wreck. Some who are fortunate enough to have money as young people do go completely off the road." Though he had tasted previ-

ous Pattern success with Bog Trotter and Tricky Note, and won a Lincoln Handicap with High Low, Shaamit's Derby was easily Haggas's best result in his 10 years with a licence, But less obviously, he has consis-tently maintained an excellent strike-rate; this season his 27 per cent winners-to-runners has been bettered only by Henry Cecil and Saeed Bin Suroor.

He is most satisfied to have emulated the last-named by winning the Derby with a horse making his seasonal debut, a feat achieved only three times this century. "I hope that does convince somebody out there ed. I meet a lot of fascinating



Haggas with his wife, Maureen, and the horse that realised the Derby dream, Shaamit

that we've got an idea. I didn't plan on doing it like that, it was just the way things turned out after Shaamit had his problems earlier in the year. But we've always believed we can get them fit and ready. High Low won the Lincoln from a long lay-off; Bog Trotter didn't run after his Guineas until September, when

he won the Group race at the St Leger meeting."
In the pursuit of excellence, Haggas admits he is still on a learning curve, and avails himself of every opportunity to pick any available brain. He has some of the best close at hand; his wife and assistant Maureen was a top-notch event rider in her day, "granny" (Susan Pig-gott) doubles as a travelling lad,

sit on a horse if asked. "You've got to be open-mind-

and the old maestro himself will

people, and talk to them all. A visit to Martin Pipe a few years ago was a revelation, and before him the Dickinsons - who trained my family's horses -had revolutionised jump racing with their methods.

"Technology has changed things so much, with the tests you can now do on horses, but you have to be able to focus on the ones that are relevant, otherwise you'd never have a runner. You can't be too dogmatic about, say a blood test, as I have been guilty of being in the past. But equally you can't read a result just to suit your plans.

"I've changed my views on working on the Heath as well. We believe that horses are creatures of rontine, so we do the same thing every day. Same thing every day, go up the poly-track, once or twice or three times, they get used to it, noth-

ing hurts, and they settle. They come home the same way, and they know that once they've crossed the road, they won't do another canter, and they relax." "But the most important part

of training is to keep the horses healthy, which ours are at the moment. If they re not healthy you can be Henry Cecil and do no good. David Loder, who is a brilliant trainer, quite singleminded about the job, and will certainly be champion one day, is having a rotten time because of a bug. But we all go through it and when things go wrong, that's when the pressures really start. You get paranoid about buggering them up, and God knows that's the easy part. The doubts creep in, and you change things-feed, routine, everything - only to run round in circles for

two months before coming back

It may sound corny to say there is a happy family atmosphere at Somerville Lodge, but there is. The team, which includes head lad Jane O'Shea and work rider Ray McGhinn, work well together. Haggas said: "There'll be some great pool money at the end of the year for the staff. And Shaamit's success has been good for the other owners in the yard. If some of them have got friends who have wondered why they've stuck with me, they can stick their chests out and say our man won the Derby."

The "another day" for Shaamit may come in the King George at Ascot this month. Perchance the dream will have to wait, but Haggas will take the rub in his stride. "There is no downside to winning the Derby," he said, "or if there is, I haven't come across it yet."

Zamindar Guineas plunge

Bookmakers were vesterony taking no chances over the prospects of Zalonic's full-brother, Zamindar, for about year's 2,000 Guineas. The son of Goge West, trained by Andre Fabre and owned by Khalid Abdullah, romped home by five lengths at Maisons-Laifitte on Monday and was immediately out to 20-1 by William Hill, Coral and Ladbrokes for the Newmarket Classic.

Zafonic, also tramed by Fabre and owned by Abdullah, had been the subject of a huge ante-post plunge before his im-pressive victory in the 1993 2000 Guineas

William Hill and Coral had both offered 33-1 before Zamindar made his racecourse bow. "We laid 33-1 and 25s to some small bets before the race but it has to be 20-1 now. William Hill's spokesman. David Hood, said. Bearing in mind his connections, breed and what Zafonic did, we can't

go any longer than that." Zafonie signposted his Guineas chance when winning the Dewhurst Stakes at Newmarket but Abdullah's racing manager, Grant Pritchard-Gordon, is uncertain whether Zamindar will take a similar route.

"I just can't say at this stage whether you will see him in Eng-land this year," he said. The colt's next target is the Prix de Cabourg at Deauville on 1 August, followed by the Group One Prix Morny, also at Deauville, on 18 August.

Zamindar's performance has helped his connections get over the disappointment of the poor. showing of Dushyantor in Sun-day's Irish Derby. We are sure Dushyantor ran below his best form in Ireland but we don't know the reasons why, Priichard-Gordon said.

RESULTS

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2.00: 1. SUPER SERBINADE (NAT Therefor) 6-1; 2. Asherts 9-4; 3. Scottish Park 2-1 fav. 7 ran. 1°c., 1°c., 1°c. 6 Batong, Fyried). Total £7.40; £2.50, £1.80. Eval Forecast £7.00; Computer Straight Forecast £18.09. Theast £28.07. Non Runbert Margone. 2.30: 1. CHARLION REP (5 Domenis 11.4; 2. On The Wildelde 7-2; 3. Horse Coolon' 2-1 fav. 2 ran. 1. 1°c. 8 Hodges, Sorger-Fool, Total £3.50: £1.00, £1.10. Exit. 8.1.10. Exit.

ton). Tolor £3.50: £1.20, £1.10, £1.10. Dual Forecast: £4.20, Computer Streets: Forecast: £11.91. The winner was bought in for 5,000

3.00: 1 ANSELLMAN (G Carter) 10-1; 2

S.JOC: LANSELIMAN IS CORM! 10-1; 2. Bowden Rose 9-2; 3. Sir Joey 6-4 fax 7 ran. 4c, nl. // Berry. Cockerbarth. Teter: £14.10: £5.30, £2.60. Dual Forecast: £21.30. Computer Straight Forecast: £48.60. 3.30: 1. WITHOUT FREEMING (J. Figure 5-2 fax; 2. Downy 11-4; 3. Surprise Event 20-1. 6 ran. 1. Vr. Mrs 1. Stubbs, York). Total: £2.60; £3.80, £3.90. £3.90. Park Forecast: £5.60.

E3.80; E1.80, £2.00. Duai Forecast: £5.60.

Computer Straight Forecast: £5.02. 4.00: 1. 00PS PETTE (1 bes) 8-1; 2. Rest-to 11-4 fav. 3. Classic Peytales 7: 2. 10 res. 2; 1. (Mrs.) Cecil, Newmarketi. Fote: £8.40; £1.90, £1.70, £1.60. Dual Forecast: £1.430.

Computer Straight Forecast: £27.37. Tho:

RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Influence Pedler

(Folkestone 4.00)

NB: Wild Palm

2. Classelo Romanoe 12 1; 3. Tribly 3-1, 6 ras. 5-2 lav Mus-Tab (4th). 4s, sht-hd. (D Loder, Newmarket). Totas: £4.80; £2.30, £3.50. Dual Forecast: £30.20. Computer Straight Forecast: £32.54.
5.00: 1. MIRADOR (B Bardwell) 5-2 fav.

2. Castie Secret 4-1; 3. Mr Copylorce 9-2. 7 ma. 14; 24. IR Curis, Epsorn), Tele: £2.90; £1.50, £2.30. Dual Forecast: £6.40, Computer Straight Forecast: £11,58. Tricast: £32,27. Non Runner: World Express.

Placopot: £98.10. Quadpot: £36.40.

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2.15: 1. SWAN AT WHALLEY (Mr S SWETS) 4-1; 2. Kaller 6-1; 3. Tropical Beach 3-1; Ris.; 10 ran, 3-1; fav Bold Street (4th). 4. 1. (Martyn Werre, Rechmond). Total: £5.30; £1.60, £2.60, £1.90, DF; £10.30. CSF; £27.12. Tropast: £77.40. This: £19.70. NR: Senous Hurry, Leeding Princess (5-1) withdrawn not under orders. Rule 4 applies to board prices only, deduction 15p in £.

2.48: 1. STREDE (Kraitor) 1-2 fav; 2. Apiounts 3-1; 3. Beack in The Usar 2-1, 5 ran, 8, 39. (Martyn Mesde, Makmesbury). Total: £1.20; £1.60, £5.80. Dual Forecast: £12.60. Computer Stragt Forecast: £1.77. The win.

Computer Straight Forecast: £11.77. The win-ner bought in for 10,500 gainess. 3.15: 1. ROSSEL of Falloni 1:3 fav; 2. Stoleamantch 25:1:3, Cry Baby 7:1.5 ma. 8, 2th. (M Stoute, Newmarket). Tota: £1.20;

£1.10, £9.00. Duel Forecast; £7.70, Com

25.00 Dual Forecast 27.44, 3.45: 1. FORZY (4 Falton) 4-5 tav; 2. Not 4. Let 7-4; 3. Marsh Marshidt 33-1.4 rat. 14a, 5. (Mrs. 1. Stubts, York). Toke: £1.80, Dual Forecast: £2.00. Computer Straight Fore-

Cast: £2.72.
4.15: 1, BOBANLYN (R Muller) 9-4 tay;

2. Break The Roles 5-1; 3. Ambidestrous 4-1. 7 run, 42, 242 U Walmingst, Malton). Tota: £3.40; £1.80, £2.50. Qual Forecast:

Place 6: £84,55. Place 5: £42.61.

(Yarmouth 7.35)

4.30: 1. OVERRULED (R Hughes) 100-30;

HYPERION 7.50 Dear Life (nb) 8.20 Half An Inch 6.50 TART (nap) GOING: Good to Firm. STALLS: inside except til (outside). DRAW ADVANTAGE: Low best for 61 & 7L.

serve the course. Epsom (trains from Victoria and Waterloo) and the nearer Epsom Downs (Victoria) and Tatgenburn Corper (Charing Cross and Victoria). ADMINSTON: Members 216 (16 to 25-year-olds 213); Grandstand & Paddock 210; Lonsdale Enclosure 55 (accompanied under-16s free all enclosures). GAR PARE: Free.

■ LEADING TEAPHRES WITH BUNNERS: E Hannon - 14 winners from 133 rangers gives a success ratio of 10.5% and a loss to a £1 level stake of £58.45; M Stoute - 8 wingives a success ratio of 10.5% and a loss to a all level stake of 204.45; in Stoute = 8 winners, 14.20, 5.50, 5.51, 5.15, 5.15, 5.15 Lewis = 8 winners, 89 runners, 3.2%, 5.47, 5.2; J Dunlop = 7 winners, 32 runners, 21.9%, \$7.47.

***ELEADING JOCKETS: Part Eddery = 17 wins, 111 rides, 15.3%, 5.38,41; J Bold = 16 wins, 98 tides, 15.3%, \$5.51; L Dettori = 10 wins, 17 rides, 13.0%, 5.22,03; T Quinn = 10 wins, 122 rides, 8.2%, \$78.39.

RLINKERED FIRST TIME: None. MUNICES IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: None.
LONG-DISTANCE FUNNESS: Checky Chappy (8.60) has been sent 231 miles by II Chapman figure Stillington, North Yorkshire; Catchawicka (7.20) sent 163 miles by 8 Palling from Tstradower, South Giamorgan.

1	6.20	EBF TATTENHAM MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,000 added 2YO 6f Penalty Value £3,420
1	1	CINEMA PARADISO (Christopher Whight) P Cole 8 0Doubtful 3
	2 343	POWDER RIVER (19) (Lord Carrianon) R Hannon 80
1	3 0	SALTY JACK (IRE) (46) (Selts Of the Earth-Four Seasons Racing S Dow 9 0 F Egan 4
	4 65	TALISMAN (RE) (26) (Xavier Pullen) S Dow 9 0A Doly (5) 2
1	5 623	RISE TO SHAPE (7) (9 M Cored C Cores 8 9
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Richard Harmon is the larg of the juvenies at present with the winners of 23 races and POWDER RIVER went off very fast in his first-him blinkers at Either last time. A Paul Cole-trained newcomer (Putra) and Saturday's winner Berny The Dip caught him over that severn furlongs and this easy at looks made to measure, Rise in Situae is a half-sister to the useful Crazy Powing and she had her Sandown form boosted when Farmy's Choice won at Windsor on Monday. That to Peter Walway's newcomer Aruthan as Satistury a week ago, she should do better for this staff furlong. Charles Cyzer's other runner, the Danehal filly newcomer Signe And Wonders, along with Simon Dow's due, Talkspain; twell beatter have lest time) and Satity Jack, may find the race a bit too hot.

Selection: POWDER RIVER FORM GUIDE

6.50 CHANTILLY MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (CLASS D) £5,250 added 3YO 1m 2f 18yds Penaity Value £3,664 ABAYRIDA (RE) (Who'd A Thought to Lady Hernes 8 11 _______ Decise O'Shee 3 25-2003 DISALLOWED (RE) (125) (F Recalls) M Bell 8 11 ______ M Featon 5 6-600 LONE BAYETA (RR) (9) (Sheh Ahmed Yougul A) Sabsh) R Hannon 8 11 ______ M CICKY HOOF (R K Khan) C Britain 8 11 62 NANDA (45) Shekin Mohammed) 0 Lode 8 LL D R McCaine 2
25-3534 OMARRA (USA) (3) (F Hinopost) H Caol 8 LL D R McCaine 2
25-3534 OMARRA (USA) (3) (F Hinopost) H Caol 8 LL D R McCaine 40
22 RUSSIAN REQUEST (RES) (39) (84 Note 10 to 8 LL D R McCaine 8 LL Paul Eddery 3
35-4 SURVANDA (USA) (20) (44 Note 10 to 8 LL D R McCaine 7
42 THE (FR) (45) (SE) (A J Richards K Cunningham-Brown 8 LL MC Carson 7

BETTING: 5-2 Septembres, 3-1 Russian Request, 9-2 Tert, 5-1 Mande, 6-1 Omera, 10-1 Disallowed, 20-1 Fee Act (USA) 3 8 11 W Ryon 15-8 (4 Cool) 8 rate

1995: Puture Act (USA) 3 8 11 W Ryan 15-8 (H Cect) 8 rain
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RUSSSIAN REQUEST, who is by Sovet Star out of I Warn 70 Be (Park Hill winner), looks worth staying with even though size failed to cope with her newcomer coll stablemass Shenatadee at Sandown 19 days ago. Another colt, Wall Street, proved better class at Newmarket when beating her seven lengths, but he went on to contast the St James's Palace Stakes at Royal Assort, With a bit of dig in the ground tenight to such her, Russian Request will take some beating taking on her own sex. Supernova, well thought of an a juvenite – she contested the Checkey Park – tailed to spanide on her reappearance at Newboury (7) when bourth to Medieval Lady. She's a bit of a guess on pedigree for this longer trip and the Newboury second, Highland Rhapsody, han body at Chepstow on Sunday, Wille Carson rides Kan Cunrengien Rowal's Ten Party, who has a sound chance on her fourth of 18 to Luce Cumen's Salalaide at Kempton. She will like this better ground and the third, Wandering Star (six longiths in front of her), her won two rises races since. Onsara is up again in tip and makes no appeal after another flop at Yamoush, while Tart was second to Stately Denoer in a weak race at Safabury. Nande met a decent sort in Cabaret at Ripon on her second start, but this top may not be her distance. Lucky Hoof, a newcomer daughter of Batshoof, represents the in-form Cive Brittain.

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		7.20	NABS HANDICAP (CLASS C) £8,000 added 7f Penalty Value £5,420
1	1	30-1062	MY BEST WALLENTINE (28) (CO) (The Volentines) J Write 6 10 0
	2	260-004	SHAMANIC (25) (Robert Russell) R Harmon 4 9 13Denc O'Nell (3) 1
ı	3	1310-06	COMANCHE COMPARION (65) (D) (The Alletes Cub) TJ Navetion 6 9 8
1	l		Port Ettiny 8
	4	0-43400	CHECKANICKA (IRE) (14) (D) (Merthyr Motor Auctions) 8 Palling 5 6 7T Somling 2
	8	003-000	TOUJOURS REVIEWA (12) (D) (James Rulang) J Pearce 6 6 5
1	8		RANGS (INE) (1.2) (IV) (BF) (P O Shorodo Mis L Status 8 9 3
1	7		HACHT WORK (USA) (36) (D) (Mrs Dyanne Benjamin) G L Moore 4 9 1
	8		JO (MAZIMUS (25) (D) (II & S Kelly) S Dow 4 9 0T Quite 9
1	9	1-04680	WORLDWIDE FLSE (USA) (11) (D) (T) Davison) R Harris 3 8 11
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RETTRIC: 3-1 bity Seet Valentine, 4-1 Shumonic, 9-2 Rakis, 5-1 to Huntume, 6-1 Hight Wink, 13-2 Chickenticke, 7-1 Commutes Companion, 12-1 Conjours Riviera, 16-1 Workedde Este.

1995: Fary-Stary (FC) 5-8-5 8 Santiers 12-1 (R Aleiturs) 8 can FORM GUIDE

RANGS, who fixes a bend to run around, faced a stem test with his penalty in Almuhimm's (winner again on Saturday) race at Newmarket 1.2 days ago. With four wins on Equitrack, Rakis had confirmed his promise on surf with a clear-out win from Neuwest (winner next sime) at Sandown a week earlier. His rating is 60 higher tonight, but he looked to have that amount in hand at Esher, on which form Chickewiseka. (ran in Hunt Cup) has over eight lengths to make up with a 7th pull. If the promised rain eiters the going, Chickewiseka would have a better chance. One of Rakis's promising efforts was at Bingtoon in April when a three-length fifth to May Black Valending, who was good value for his neck with from Jio Mandhaus. Now that ha has hit winning form, Rakis can be fancied to heat this pair on 9th and 5th

botter territs respectively. My Best Valentine won this race two years ago and rates a big danger after his second to Selhurstpark Flyer over sox furlangs here last tone. Toroght's seven furlangs is much more his trip and his Brighton was under 1.0st. Richard Quarn takes over from the element Alan Daly on 10 Maximus, who would also have found the six furlangs over from the element Alan Daly on 10 Maximus, who would also have found the six furlangs too sharp here last time. He likes a downhill course, he led to holf-say in the Victoria Cub, and gets a 5th pull with My Best Valentrian on Brighton from, Strammanc has still to prove he stays seven furlangs, but is in with a should at the weights, being 6th before after finishing times lengths before My Best Valentrian here last time, Night Wink, has charged stables (same owner) and is now locally trained by Gary Moore, He has failed to Cich this term after two wins for David Nicholds lest year and it will be interesting to see how he responds to Sanon Whitworth after being didden by Alex Greeves, Commandas Companion is a useful made when on song, but she may not be as sharp as the others other her two-month lay-off. Tougloant Rivelaru is better over a nivle, while Workholds Etale just had to be flattered by her run behing Ramooz here in view of her flop at Wolveshampton Livo with there) afterwards.

		7.50	UNION BANK OF SWITZERLAND HANDICAP (CLASS C) £8,000 added 1m 4f 10yds Penalty Value £5,602
	1	300-153	REPARRUS (USA) (25) (D) (Mrs David Blackburn) H Carrdy 5 9 10
•	2	60-5014	ARTIC COURSER (25) (D) (Binam Protostons Ltd) O Cooperé 5 8 9
	3	5-66226	SILENTLY (19) (Paul Melioni Balding 4 9 7
	4	334-121	FAATEQ (11) Mandan Al Maktourn) J Dunlop 3 9 S
	5	E2RRR.A	GLOBAL DANCED CON ICCO (County Arms Charmondeum Institutionales Des S. Dous 5.0.0.

4	334-1/1	HAVIER ITTI GREGORI VI WEMORIA I PROBA 2 & 2
5	52666-0	GLOBAL DANCER (25) (CD) (Comet. Arms-Charmondean Investments Pic) S Dow 5 9 0
		A Day (5) 11
6	514-001	RISING DOUGH (RE) (24) (C) (Byan Pervido G.) Moore 4 9 0
7	4-60022	CHAINAM ISLAND (15) (D) (B H Yosk) C British 8 8 13 J Gotobed (7) 10
8	405135	PRINCE DANZIG (IRE) (18) (D) (A H Ulock) O Murray Smith 5 8 9
8	2061	DEAR LIFE (USA) (8) (Lady Howard de Waldern) Nes J Ceol 3 8 7 (49)
10	00320-2	LIDHAMA (USA) (11) (BF) (Abolulo Al Kratici) G Lews 4 8 2
11	303236	GENERAL MOUNTAR (21) (II) (A S Holasso 8 Meetion 6 8 0 I F Egus 9
12	6064-000	AUDE LA BELLE SER (78) Mez Val Rentarel S Knote R 7 10

-12 doctored -BETTRIC: 3-1 Fauton, 9-2 Dear Life, 6-1 Riperius, 7-1 Silentiy, 8-1 Artic Courier, Ristog Doegh, 10 1995: High Flying Adored (IRE) 3 6 4 Pat Eddery 8-11 (J Dunkov) 4 ran FORM GUIDE

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FAATEQ got his head in front at Redcar 11 days ago and could be a colt with more improvement in him. That Redcar win was narrowly gazed over 10 furlougs and he was previously eaging by Pine Needle over this trip at Newcastle, but he's still a bit of a body and there must be a good chance he'll get home this time. Hazard A Guese and Angus-G were a deceat pair to beart at Redcar and he meets similarly-rated meds here. Dear Lille is the other three-year-old in the race and she reliabled the stop up in distance when beating Arcedy and previous winner White Sea at Lingfleid last week. Chattama latend should go well for his apprentice. The stable is in great form and Cratham Island wice went dose under a weller burdon lest month. Risking Dough promises to stay this longer trip after his 10-futiong win in a ladles' race here last time, but the lises of Silentily, who has tooled suspect in a finish of late, and Georaral Moulday, are worth opposing. There is a line through Dance So Suits which gives Artic Courier the beating of Ripertius. Artic Courier failed by four lengths to catch Global Dancer here on Derby day last year. Global Dancer is only 41b worse off and will be fitter for his seasonal run here last month. Lidhama is a decent male on (second to Snow Princess last seasonal run here last month. Lidhama is a decent male on (second to Snow Princess last seasonal run here last month. Lidhama is a decent male.

8.20 BURGH HEATH CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS D) SKY 404313 SUPLEY SECURE (6) (D) (R I Suricy Too) M Channon 8 11 _______ T Q: 554022 CONSTRUARDS HERO (19) Coostglants Estate Agent of Bagnor Regis) M Lisher 8 9. O-GOOG : CHERRY SANDER (REC) (F) THE BLANC LINES (A NO LINES (A NO

BETTING: 3-1 Harf An Inch. 7-2 Sentey Secure, 9-2 Consequents Hero, 6-1 People Direct, 7-1 Charry Garden, 9-3 Revenue, 19-2 others.

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The is a tricky little claimer with HALF AN INCK holding every chance after his third to Princess Paragaddy at Newmarket on Saturday. That was his first run since gotting trapped in the mud at Newbury a month earlier and this grade gives him a better chance compared to handicaps. Honourable Estate also ran in that muddy claimer at Newbury and she came out to beat Coestiguards Hero, who gats a 2th pull for the length beating by Sunley Section on the same course next time. Sunley Section returns to his best grade after contesting an arrateurs' handicap at Salisbury (third to Mindosa), while People Direct makes a beliebted return to just either her seller and claimer who at Southwell London in the hends of tonight's partner Dane O'Noti). Kurwam, trained lest term by Jack Barry, has done nothing so far for Ben Hanbury, while the remaining trip are also hard to tancy. Selection: HALF AN INCH

8.50 BANSTEAD HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,250 added 6f Penalty Value £3,615 40-0210 SHARP PEARL (11) (Demis Yardy) J White 3 9 2 8 510313 CHERY CHAPTY CO (D) Mas Jewine Chapman 0 Chapman 5 7 10 (Seq ... 600050 SPECTACLE JIM (S) (D) (J) Harrow) M Haynes 7 7 10 10 033122 YO 1988-8 (5) (Mess I. A Elliott) T.J. Naughran 5 7 10...... - 10 declared -

BETTINR: 11-4 Golden Ponad, 5-1 Sharp Pearl, 6-1 Cheeky Chappy, Pearl Dann, 7-1 Another Batch-worth, 8-1 Castol Rosselo, Yo Yigl-B, 10-1 others. 1993: Tafantus 3 8 3 W Cason 3-1 (R Amatrong 7 ran SOLDEN POUND should find these easier to catch after making no show when governm to GOLDEN POUND should find these essier to catch sher making no show when eventh to Sehurstpan Riyer here. Previously in ground too soft since the easy Thirs's maiden win, Gold-en Pound returns to his best trip after lest week's good thrift to Mister Jolson at Seissbury (5f). Sharip Peerl will like the treak after his smooth Brighton win from Goretski. In a strong sprint at Accord neat time, Sharip Peerl is the danger with this sixth furlang sure to such. Cheeler Chappy can put his posture peerl is on course, but he is in a stronger fitee after the Notingham win and Monday's Windsor thro to Bushing Gernadier. Lest year's witner Tefah-ham and lest season's Stewards' Cup hero Stiffcer's Son now race for new stables, while Another Batchworth has been betten in weeker sprints this season. Yo für-18 seems best on the sil-weather nowadays, but Pearl Dawir has been threatening to return to winning form.

to where you started." 7.35 EASTERN DAILY PRESS HAND-SKY YARMOUTH . HYPERION 6.35 Songsheet 7.05 Colintosser 7.35 Awesome Venture 8.05 Sambac 8.35 Mount Kamet 9.05 DOS2 PASSAGE CREEPING (18) L Coman 3 9 2 Pet Edday GOING: Straight course - Good to Firm; Book straight - Firm, watering both rouses, STALLS: Streight course - far side, Bornel course - inside DRAW ADVANTAGE: N

SION: Club \$12; Tattersul's \$8.50; Family and course each \$4.50. CAR PARE: Club \$1. ALONKERED PIEST TIME: Never Think Twice & On Bome Rug (7.05). Winners in the last seven days: Wild Palm (7.35) at rewmarket on Monday.

LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Sapars. Song (7.65) been sent 253 miles by W G M Turber from Corton Den Somenser; Songaheet (6.35) sent 218 miles by M Mende Suerston, Wilnishtre.

6.35 EDP SPORT ON MONDAY APPRENT added 5f 43vds

	7.05	EDP JOB SEARCH SELLING STAKES (CLASS 6) £3,000 SKY added 370 7f
1	00516	BAG AND A BIT (15) (D)(BF) 8 Meeton 8 O.D Sweeney (7) 7
2		CONDOR BEDGE (4) B Meetran 6 0 M Tebbutt 3 B
3	34-1503	CORNICHE QUEST (6) M Creation 6 0
4		NEVER THINK TWICE (26) K lony 6 0 C Scally (7) 1.8
5		SAMARA SONE (23) W G M Tumer 6 0
6		CAPTURE THE MOMENT (5) R VALORS 89 W Ryan 4 8
7		CONTOSSER (12) (BF) S Woods 86
8		ON THE HOME REP. (21) J Jenus 8 9
6		PATREO (4) S Williams 8 6 J Tate 11
10		RENO'S TREASURE I A Harris 8 8
11	00-5006	SHERMOOD (36) K kov 8 8

BETTING: 9-4 Coistnesser, 9-2 Cornictin Quest, 5-1 Condor Higgs, 6-1 Samera Song, 8-1 Patric, 10-1 Bag And A BR, 12-1 others

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neare	10	031355	AVIESOME VENTURE (15) (D) M Chapman 6 8	4
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MARKET RASEN

HYPERION 2.10 Nordic Crown 2.40 Morning Blush 3.10 Dames 3.40 Pickens 4.10 Forgetful 4.40 Americus

GUING: GOOD TO FIRM.

Right-hand, sharp, undulating circuit. Run-in of one furlong.

Course is east-of town on A631. Market Rasen station (Lincoin
- Grimsby line) I in. ADMISSION: Club 5 I I; Tattersalls 38 (OAP
members of course's Judice Club 54); Silver Ring 35 (Judice Club
OAPs \$2,50). CAR PARK: picnic areas \$2, remainder free.

BLINERRED FIRST TIME: None.
WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: None.
LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Nordic Crown (2.10), Sovereign Niche (2.10), Morning Birsch (2.40), Damas (3.10) &
Political Panto (4.40) have been sent 250 miles by M Pipe 2.10 SLIMMER SEASON CONDITIONALS SELL-ING HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS G) £2,450 added 2m 5f 110yds

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2.40 BAR-B-Q' NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS E) £4,500 added 3m 1f

— 10 decising! — BETTING: 7-4 Deringly, 7-2 Morning Blush, 5-1 Deer Endly, 6-1 Red Skon, Manor Rhyme, 8-1 Cachellains Gold, 20-1 others

3.10 ROSELAND GROUP HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS D) £5,500 added 2m 4f

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4.40 ICE CREAM NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS D) £3,800 added 2m 3f 110yds

Total: £3.40; £1.80, £2.50. Oual Forecast: £13.80. Computer Straight Forecast: £12.69; 4.45; £. ALLINSON'S MATE () Fortunel 6-1; 2. Zain Democr 9-2 fev. 3. Seconds Avery 9-1; 1.4 rem. vc. 3. († 10 Barron, Thirst), Total: £12.10; £3.70, £1.10, £4.90. Oual Forecast: £12.10; £3.70, £1.10, £4.90. Dual Forecast: £16.30. Computer Straight Forecast: £41.98. Tricast: £311.79. Tric: £138.30. After 8 Stewlerds' victury, the result stood. Jackpot: £1,017.50. Placepot: £23.30. Quadpot: £8.30. Place 6: £11.31. Place 5: £6.66. THE INDEPENDENT RACING SERVICES 0891 261 + CATTERICK - 1 0 981 **FOLKESTONE** 982 MARKET RASEN 983 974 YARMOUTH (E)

Hugh Matheson offers his form guide for the Henley Royal Regatta, which starts today

Henley Royal Regatta will start briskly at 8.30 this morning, with London Rowing Club B crew racing against London Rowing Club 'C' in the Thames Cup. This year, at least, the early, early bath is reserved for British crews - rather than those which have crossed the Atlantic for the privilege of racing on the oldest and most attractive rowing course in the world.

The Section Se

NDEPENDENT SUMMER OF SPOR

Even the Hungarian junior international Peter Ujhelyi, if he should lose, has a short journey home as a pupil at Bedford Modern School. The regatta has a record entry of 546 crews which is, in part, the result of the absence of all but three Olympians. The Atlanta regatta opens on 20 July, 12 days after Henley closes, and most of its competitors are already acfimatising in the United States.

Some see this as an opportunity for easy pickings. How-ever, the world champion single sculler. Maria Brandin from Sweden, is short of race practice this summer, and she will start as favourite in the women's sculls. This event came into the regatia programme as part of the international federation's World Cup three years ago and, although that competi-tion is now defunct, the sculls remain as the sole competition

for women. In the men's event, the Diamond Sculls, James Martinez, the United States international who finished second in the US Olympic trials, has the best recent record after finishing close behind Cyrus Beasley, who was later placed fifth in Lucerne. However, if the rain swells the river with land water to slow the races down, he will suffer as a heliweight with more puff than

The double sculls has Greg Lewis and Greg Walker, who finished second at the US Olympic trials after three finals had to be raced, when they and the eventual winners had one victory each. They should have the edge over the Notis County double of Mark Hammond and Mark Johnson, and could meet their 1992 Diamond rivals Paul Reedy and Rorie Henderson, now united in a double,

derson, now united in a double, in Sunday's final.

The Grand Challenge Cup, which is the top event for eights, is a three-way struggle with a crew from Imperial College past and present, which will race the German lightweight crew, the winners in Lucerne, for a place in the final against a Dauch in the final against a Dutch lightweight crew as a preview to the World Championships at Strathclyde in August. In contrast, the Ladies' Plate,

which has recently suffered from a poor entry compared to the Grand and Thames Cups, has benefited from rule changes. The holders, Notts County, will be boping for more success in combination with London Rowing Club as the British lightweight eight.

Eton, which won the national schools regatta, has been forced to upgrade to the Temple Cup because the captain, Alistair Heathcote, is 13 days too Cup. Eton may cope with Orange Coast College of the United States in the first round but were beaten at Marlow by the Yale crew, which is seeded to.

Yale crew, which is seeded to race them on Friday.

The Thames Cup is host to the military might of Ireland cutered as the Defences Friday.

Rowing Association that the start at 7pm against Durhamina the last set of races of the day.



Hideaway: Jonathan Bunt, the cox of the Oratory School four, prepares for today's Britannia Challenge Cup race

TODAY'S ORDER OF ROWING AT HENLEY

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nas Elizabeth: BBMN (US) v Bedford B'.

Equestrianism

GENEVIEVE MURPHY

reports from Stoneleigh

The long-predicted British show

jumping team was finally an-nounced here yesterday, with

Geoff Billington joining the regular trio of Nick Skelton and

the Whitaker brothers when

they fly to Atlanta on 17 July.

All four have shown splendid

form this year. Ronnie Mas-sarella, the British team man-

ager, believes that they can win

the first gold medal since the

team (which included Harry

Llewellyn on Forhunter) tri-

umphed in 1952. "I'm more

buoyant than I've ever been be-

Billington, 41, probably has the best horse of any of them

fore the Olympics," he said.

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m the 10-year-old Dutch-bred

It's Otto, who jumped a double dear round for the winning Na-

tions' Cup team at Hickstead.

This will be Billington's first

time on a championship team, and he is clearly relishing the

prospect. John Whitaker is con-

fident that Welham, although

now 16, is a better horse than

last year. "He's been fantastic in the last four weeks," Whitak-

er said of the horse he rode to

victory in the Hickstead Grand

Michael Whitaker rode Two-

step into third place in the Aachen Grand Prix on Sunday,

proving that the horse is now

fully recovered from the cracked bones in his withers.

Nick Skelton has won a Grand

Prix in Madrid on Showtime and

finished second in two others,

at Lisbon and Cannes.

Prix last month.

nbeth: Brentwood (Can) v King's Worcester.
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If any horse is injured before

the Olympic show jumping

starts, Robert Smith, the 34-

year-old son of Harvey, will be

standing by to fly out with Tees

Hanauer or Orthos. They may

not have a chance to acclima-

tise to the heat and humidity but

Michael Bullman, the chair-

man of the selection committee,

believes that it could be almost

as good to "go in late and get out quickly."

According to Massarella, the horses will have fans and air-

conditioning in their stables.

There will also be an enclosure

beside the exercise ring, with

fans and water sprays to cool

them down.

BRITISH OLYMPIC SHOW JUMPING
TEAM: G Billington (It's Otto). N Skelton
(Showtime), J Whitaker (Weiham). M
Whitaker (Fwostep). Non-travelling reserver R Smith (Ges Hansuer or Orthos).
Team manager: R Massarella, Team vot.

Billington quartet's gold target

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LONG-DISTANCE EUNNERS: Dancing Star (3.30) has been seral 246 miles by P Evans from Leighton, Powys; Mr Cube (3.00) & Zahran (5.00) sent 196 miles by J M Bradley from Sedbary, Gwent; Almanja (3.00) & Sinclair Lad (5.00) sent 191 miles by R Hodges from Charlson Adam, Samensel.

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ENGLAND WOMEN'S TEAM (Second Teet. v New Zestand, at New Roed, Woroester, today): K Smithles (capt), 6 Reditern, J Smit Ial East Midands), 2 Danels (West Midands), K Leng, 6 Mercathe, H Pimmer, M Reymand, C Taylor (Yorkshire), D Stock, J Godman (Thernes Valley), J Britin, C Barrs (Surrey).

Britain's 19-strong squad for this month's Olympics Games in Atlanta was finalised yesterday. Meria Lawrence, the new national road race champion, and Scotland's Serah Phillips, who was also contained to the completed or the complete or the complet named in the road squad, completed nameo in the road squad, completed a line-up that will be spenheaded by the pre-selected Chris Boardman. The squad of 13 men and six women will be one of the largest from cycling in the Games, with Boardman looking to follow up his gold medal in the pursuit from Improved the stand in the street that Barcelona with gold in the time trial. Scotland's Graeme Obree, the world pursuit champion and record-holder, yes-terday urwelled the £125,000 dream machine he hopes will bring him Olympic gold in Atlanta. Obrea used the blike, which has been developed in just eight months by Hotta, the Devon-based specialist firm, in an early round of the National Championships last month, but remonal champions raps less month, but since then it has undergone a couple of modifications. Obree's sponsors turned to Hotta when the former onehour world record-holder's self-mate bike fell apart during a special challenge match with Chris Boardman last year. match with Chris Boardman lest year. Boardman, currently competing in the Tour de France, will not be defending his pursuit title, though the two will com-pete in the road time trial where Miguel Indurain will also be competing.

Football

Charlton, Notis County and Peterbor-ough are all to hold talks with Martin O'Connor, the out-of-contract mid-fielder for whom Walsall are scoking

Nigel Gleghorn, the Stoke captain, is in negotiations with Burnley after turning down the post of player-coach to

Third Division Derlington yesterday an-Third Division Denington researcey are nounced they were to raise nearly £Am to build Europe's biggest indoor soccer centre. The centre, to be known as Soccerdome, will include 20 Indoor pitches, restaurants, creche, tennis courts, outdoor pitches and retail outlets at the centre on the outletins of the treum. It is outdoor patries and ream outlets at the site on the outsides of the town. It is hoped that the venture will generate a substantial income for Derlington who are also investing over £3m redeveloping their Feethams ground.

ternational goelleeper, Joel Bets, as their new trainer. The Cup-Wirnners' Cup holders have also signed two new players: the former Brazilian international defender, Leonardo, from the Japanese club, Kasthima Antiers, and midfielder Daniel Kenedy from Benfica.

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Wright's offer accepted by Wasps **Rugby Union** DAVID LLEWELLYN

Wasps last night looked closer to be playing their top First Di-vision and European matches at Queen's Park Rangers' football ground in west London. Chris Wright, who heads the

Chrysalis media group, had his £2m offer for a 49.9 per cent stake in the Courage First Division side accepted by the membership on Monday. Wright, 51, has simultaneously wright, 51, has simulaneously increased his bid for the First Division football club from £8.3m to around £10.5m, nearer QPR's asking price, and be is confident his bid will be accepted.

"The bid for QPR is now in excess of £10m, "Wright said, and we are quite close and are very optimistic, but it is not done yet. But I would definitely not want Wasps to play all their matches at Loftus Road. What we'd like to do would be to schedule the most important games there."

Wright, who has an estimated personal fortune of £60m, will make £1m available immediately for player recruit-ment, and if the QPR deal comes off there will be a further

£500,000 for Wasps' use. London Irish commence training next week under the coach, Clive Woodward, who guided them back into the First Division last season. Woodward had walked out on the Exiles last month, accusing them of being racist, after it had been claimed that members of the committee should "normally" be of Irish

birth or extraction. However, officers of the club yesterday issued a statement as-suring Woodward that their new constitution "enables any person of any persuasion or nationality to become a member, player, coach or committee member."
Wales' director of rugby, fer-

ry Cobner, has warned of the need to make changes or face being left behind in the world game. Giving his verdict on the unsuccessful Welsh tour of Australia, the man appointed to steer the nation towards success in the 1999 World Cup said he also wanted to see players returning from rugby league.

"Unless we grasp the nettle we will become third division in international rugby terms, Cobner said. "It is up to Welsh rugby which way it goes - but if it chooses wrongly then let's have no crocodile tears when we are being stuffed out of sight."

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The age of the Venezuelan baseball prodigy Jackson Melian, who is set to join the New York Yankees for \$1.6m (£1m) - a Major League record fee for a Latin rookie. Baseball is Venezuela's national sport

SPORTING DIGEST

Basebaili
Tommy Lesorda, menager of the Los Angeles Dodgers who suffered a mild heart stack last week, left hospital on Monday not knowing when doctors will let him resume leading the team from the bench. "Hoping and being are two different things. I wish I were there now, but I'm going to follow the doctor's orders," Lasorda sald. Billy Russell is the Interim manager while Lasorda recuperates.

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Martin Henlan, the London Towers' 30year-old centre, is quitting the Budweiser League side after signing a two-year contract with iraklion in Crete.

Browls

BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIPS (Litister Tradisport, Iroland) Semi-finale: Singles: N Groham (Iri) bt. J Tominson (Well 21-15. Pains: England (M Biggs and S Warren) bt. Iroland (I Stewart and 8 Moran) 19-13. Founce: Wales (P John, P Howells, R Fairmurst and G Jones) bt. Charmel Islands (A Syvret, S Hind, A Fuermerd and L Nison) 20-15. (Carrick Fengustiniples: Scotland (C Richmond, J Fleming and G Hood) bt Ireland (I MicKeown, D Gardiner and T Budd) 15-12.

nom Cincentau, med noni read against sustained during a three-round heavy-weight bout with Robert Adams in Rich-mond, Kentucky on Saturday. Both fighters were wearing protective head-

There are two changes to the England women's team who drew the first lest in Scarborough for the second four-day Test against New Zealand at New Road, Worcester, starting today. Open-er Jan Brittin is fit again after dislocatRochdale. Another Stoke player, strik-er John Gayle, is poised to join Gilling.

Paris St-Germain have hired the former Berilica defender, Ricardo, as their new Bernica detender, near the former French in-remedien and the former French in-ternational goalkeeper, Joel Bats, as their new trainer. The Cup-Wirners' Cup hold-toney.

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PING WOMEN'S LEADERBOARD: 1 A Sorenstern (Swe) 371.2003; 2 L Danes (Erg) 365.24; 2 L Neumann (Swe) 308.80; 4 M Malon (US) 223.49; 5 K Robbins (US) 218.31; 6 D Peper (US) 205.06; 7 K Webb (Aus) 184.28; 8 M McGann (US) 183.39; 8 J Geddes (US) 180.33; 10 P Sheetman (US) 161.71. 68: 18 A Nicholas (Erg) 103.50; 28 L Hackney (Erg) 80.30; 40 L Faircough (Erg) 58.75; EZ P Wingin (Sco) 50.66; 88 J Forbes (Sco) 48.74; 92 C Hell (Erg) 44.25; 70 C Pieme (Erg) 41.39; 78 J Morfey (Erg) 35.73; 88 S Strudwick (Erg) 30.80; 90 K Marshall (Sco) 30.69.

Shahbaz Ahmad, probably the world's greatest forward, has been disciplined by Pakistan for not appearing in the recent Four Nations' Tournaments in Milton Keynes and Amstalveen and is not included in their Olympic squad. Bert Wentink, who coached the Dutch women in the Dublin World Cup, has been invited to join Semiuliah Knan, Pakbeen invited to join Samulaan Neur, rev-istan's former right winger, as co-coach to the Pakistan squad in Atlanta. PARESTAN OLYMPIC SQUAD: Mansoor Ahmed (catch, Heald Mahmood, Danish Kalesm, Mased-Alam, Rana Mujahid, Mohammad Lismen, Mo-Alam, Rana Mujahid, Mohammad Lismen, Mo-PARISTAN OLTHWISTON, Denish Kelevin, Loud, Yheid Mahmood, Denish Kelevin, Mohammad Lisman, Mohammad Kanan, Rena Mujahid, Mohammad Kirald, Kalen Malik, Irlan Mahmood, Harimad Khalid, Steffoot Malik, Irlan Mahmood, Tahir Zaman, Konson Aathal, Mohammad Shahber, Jr, Mohammad Sanvar, Aleem Raza, Mohammad Nadeen, Rahlm Khon.

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TETLEY'S CHALLENGE SERGES (First day of three): Sometset v Paleston (et Taunton). UNIVERSITY MATCH (Second day of three): Oxford v Cambridge (at Lord's). TOUR MATCH (First day of three): Yorkshire v South Africa A (at Headingley). SECOND WOMEN'S TEST (First day of four): England v New Zealand (at New Road, Mincester).

Speedway SECOND TEST: England v Australia (at PREMIER LEAGUE: Hull v Cradley Heath & Stoke; Long Eaton v Sheffield; Scottish Monerchs v Oxford (at Glasgow).

Other sports ATHLETICS: Carlton Run (6.30pm) (at Bet-tersea Park, London).

BOWLS: British Isles Outdoor Championships and International Series (at Ulster Transport, Jordanstown, Co Antrim). ROWING: Heritry Royal Regatts (to Sunday). TEXNOSE Wimbledon Championships.

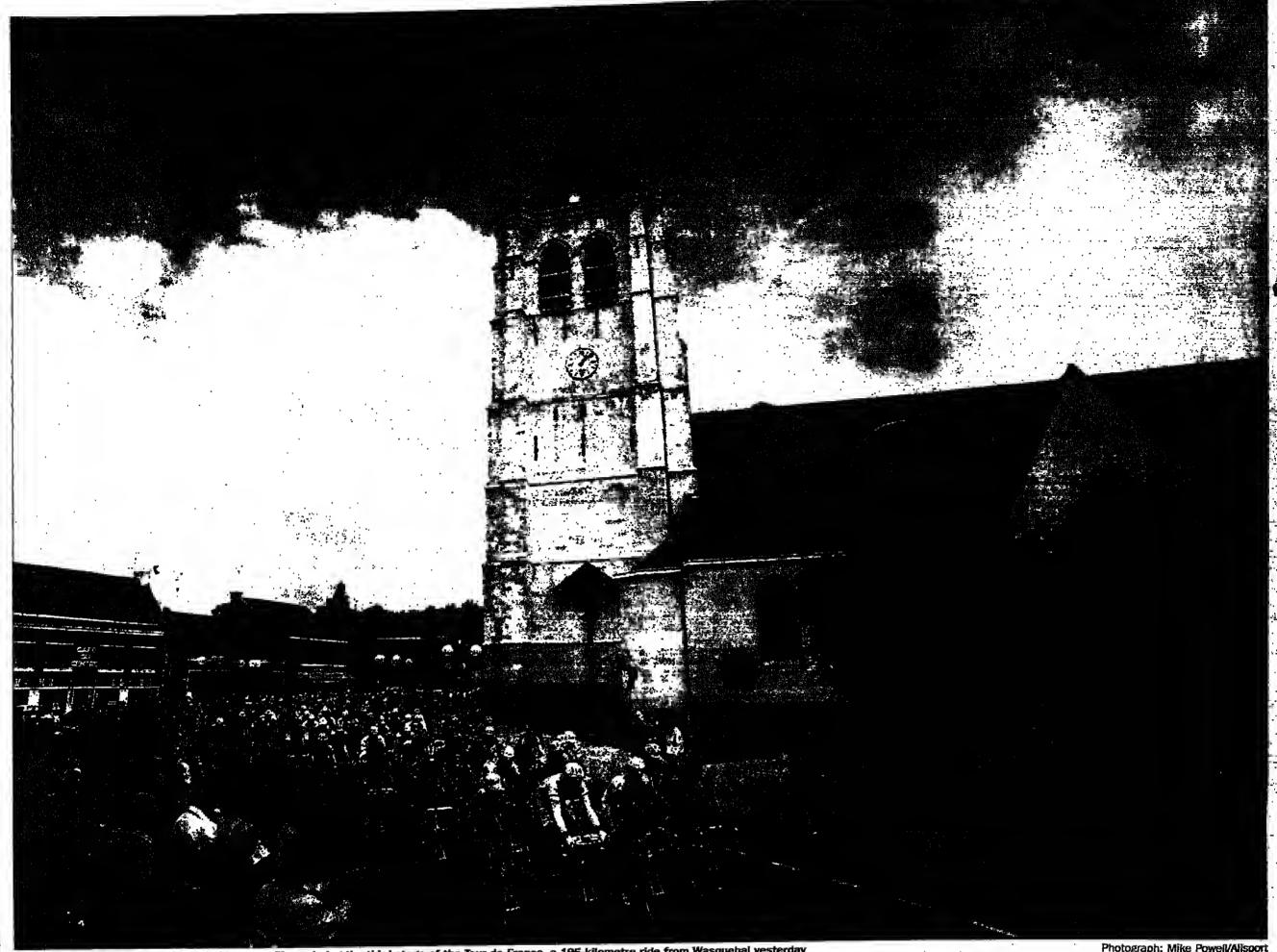
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Moncassin seizes the yellow jersey



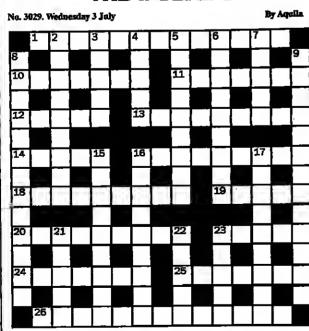
The peloton winds into the village of Villeneuve d'Ascq during the third stage of the Tour de France, a 195-kilometre ride from Wasquehal yesterday



Did you guess our hidden personality?

Hidden Personality
Did you guess? The former schoolboy football star, who takes care in choosing his friends, the man offered a that by Brentford FC who, on his flist-class debut, bowled David Gower, is the Surrey and England left-hander Graham Thorpe.

THE INDEPENDENT CROSSWORD



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ROBIN NICHOLL reports from Nogent-sur-Oise

The yellow jersey of Tour de France leader was back in the GAN camp last night - for the first time since Chris Boardman pulled it on after his debut victory in the 1994 Tour.

Boardman's French teammate. Frederic Moncassin, snatched the colours from Switzerland's Alex Zülle in the 195km stage from Wasquehal, but Boardman, suffering with a recurring chest infection, was looking to the future.

"Even if it gets had and I lose time, I will just keep going to get to Paris. Whatever, it remains the No 1 objective," Boardman said, knowing that in four days' time he faces a 30km mountain time trial to the ski resort of Val d'Isère.

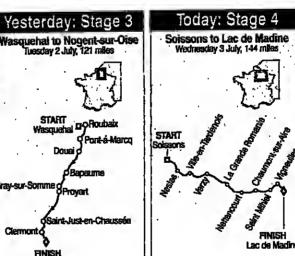
"It's great for us to have the jersey hut I have got to look af-ter myself. It is feasible that I could be better in a week's time. However, the knock-on effects of taking anti-hiotics are a bit of a bummer, because it takes a lot out of your system."

Squally rain punctuated sunny spells and did little for Boardman's condition. "I am not feeling hrilliant, hut it's just a case of getting through this lot." Despite his fall on Monday and his current problem, he is still eighth, 24 seconds hehind Moncassin in the overall standings, with the Frenchman seven seconds clear of the deposed Zülle and Russia's Yevgeny Berzin a threatening

third, just 10 seconds in arrears. "I lost confidence in my sprinting on Monday because it was not coming together so well," Boardman said, after earning a time deduction of eight seconds for his third plac-

ing at the finish.
"In the last five kilometres I realised that I had a chance, but it was very dangerous with so many teams racing for victory. I was certainly nervous." · Most eyes were on Mon-

cassin as the sprinters surged to-wards the finish. Mario Cipollini was driving the race from the front and, as he glanced to see Moncassin at his back wheel, Germany's Erik Zabel sprinted past.



Zabel's victory did nothing to the rest of the top ten but it tamed the Lion King - Cipollini - for the day. He produced his 17th victory of the season on rally wanted to look good in company with the Italian, Mar-Monday, the day after he was relegated from third for cutting up Moncassin

The Italian has several reputations, all based on speed. His best known is as the fastest finisher on a bike. He also likes to drive fast cars - the latest is a Mercedes - and motor cycles. He owns a Harley-Davidson. Cipollini is currently in a de-

fiant mood off the bike. He insists on wearing red shorts to match his national champion's jersey in the colours of the Italian tricolore.

Cipollini should he wearing black shorts, like the rest of his team, and cocking a snook at the regulations costs 300 Swiss francs in daily fines.

Depending on the day, he can change his nickname as quick as his shorts. He is also recognised as El Magnifico, Super Mario, Super Macho and more. but yesterday he was just a beaten favourite. His team provided their usual high-speed launch-pad, chasing down a move that included Boardman's team-mate, Eddy Seigneur, and then setting a pace so high that the rest clung gratefully in their slip stream.

The move of Seigneur and company was doomed from the outset. Avaricious sprinters such as Cipollini need to grab

success while they can, and time is running out. Friday hrings the first Alpine stage. Seigneur, however, was in his home region. Oise, and natu-

co Lietti, and Spain's Jose Luis Arrieta. It was a hrief dream hut at least they tried on a day when the racing was as flat as the exposed terrain where crosswinds affected matters, and the riders

again finished more than an

hour behind schedule. Today's 232km to Lake Madine is an undulating stage, hut there is still a chance for Cipollini to pull himself closer to his 100th professional victory - unless one of the new hreed of fast finishers such as Zabel has other plans.

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Tour De France Third stage (121.8 miles, Wasquehal to Negent-sur-Oise): 1 E Zabel (Ser. Deutsche Telekom) ishr 29mm 21. soc: 2 M Opoline (it. SAECO); 3 F Montasain (Fr. GAN); 4 J Surrada (Ct. Rep. Poneria); 5 J Bilgeers (with, 1741; 6 F Baliato (g. MG Ternogm); 7 C Capelle (Fr. Aubervälles); 8 N Maral (it. Gewas); 9 C Camin (it. Bresclaian); 10 M Travesom (it. Carren); 11 E Magnen (Fr. Festina); 12 A Tchmil (Ukr. Lotto); 13 D Abdougapero (Ubbek, Refin); 14 A Paties (Lth. Rabotaris); 13 N Maratim (Bet. Lotto); 15 M Bettin (it. Refin); 17 F Simon (Fr. GAN); 18 M Piccol (it. Benscladt); 19 B Riis (Den. Deutsche Telekom); 20 I Brochard (Fr. Festina) all same bine. Overeil standings: 1 Moncasen 17th 9min 30sec; 2 A Zille (Sut. CNCC) +7 sec; a Y Berzn (Rus. Gewiss) +10sec; 4 A Otho (Sp. Mape) +14; 8 B Ris (Den. Deutsche Telekom); +18; 6 M Indurán (Sp. Barnesto) +19; 7 L Jakbert (Fr. ONCC) +22; a C Boerdman (GB, GAN) +24; 9 T Rowinger (Swit, Mapel) +26; 10 M Matin (Sp. ONCC) +28; 11 Cupilin +31; 12 Suorade +32; 13 E Deuter (Neth. Rabotanh) +33; 48 Biljacens same time: 13 M Guakti (tt. Potit) +34; 16 P Sanokletii (it. Rostoton) +36; 17 J Sidoty (Pr. GAN) +43.

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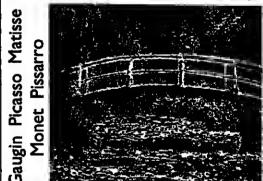
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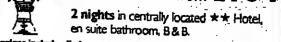
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